



Former senator to replace McCain, at least until January

PHOENIX (AP) — Prolonging the uncertainty over who will fill the late John McCain's U.S. Senate seat, the governor of Arizona on Tuesday announced the appointment of former Sen. Jon Kyl but said he has only committed to serve until the end of the year.

Kyl, a Republican who retired from the Senate in 2012 to become a lobbyist and spend more time with his family, is currently shepherding President Donald Trump's nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. Kyl's appointment will make it possible for him to vote for the nomination. It's unclear what more Kyl, 76, will do in the Senate. He said he agreed to serve briefly out of a "sense of duty" and will not run for the seat in 2020, when Arizona voters will decide who fills the seat through 2022.

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Former Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., talks about his appointment by Gov. Doug Ducey, R-Ariz., to fill Sen. John McCain's seat in the U.S. Senate at a news conference at the Arizona Capitol Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, in Phoenix.

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What deadline? Mueller probe can go up to Nov. 6 and beyond

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deadlines? What deadlines?

For months, President Donald Trump and his allies have said the special counsel needs to wrap up his Russia investigation within 60 days of the midterm elections, in November, citing a Justice Department policy.

But in fact, special counsel Robert Mueller faces no time limit on his investigation. He can continue the probe — and issue new indictments — right up to Nov. 6 and beyond.

A look at what's ahead, and what's not, for the investigation:

NO DEADLINE

Mueller faces no limit, legal or otherwise, for finishing or releasing the findings of his probe. He can continue investigating, issuing subpoenas and interviewing witnesses.

POLITICS

The only thing that's changed is that Labor Day kicked off high election season in the battle for control of the House and Senate. So any action by



In this June 21, 2017 file photo, former FBI Director Robert Mueller, the special counsel probing Russian interference in the 2016 election, departs Capitol Hill following a closed door meeting in Washington.

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Mueller between now and the Nov. 6 voting risks being seen as an effort to affect the outcome. That's why the Justice Department has issued guidelines about the sensitivity of investigations in the run-up to elections.

WHAT ABOUT THE 60-DAY 'GUIDANCE'?

There is no policy that sets a 60-day pause in which the Justice Department is barred from investigating. Nor is there a cutoff date for an investigation to wrap up.

But Justice Department guidance issued over the past decade has been interpreted to mean that investigators, if possible, should avoid taking specific investigative actions — such as indicting candidates or raiding their office — in the run-up to an election.

"Law enforcement officers and prosecutors may never select the timing of investigative steps or criminal charges for the purpose of affecting any election, or for the purpose of giving an advantage or disadvantage to any candidate or political party," one such memo from 2012 states.

But the policy does not impose a specific cut-off date for investigations before an election. It does not require prosecutors — as some Trump supporters, including lawyer Rudy Giuliani, have suggested — to put an investigation on hold in the period before voters head to the polls.

The Justice Department's in-

dependent inspector general stated in a June report on the Hillary Clinton email investigation that former officials they interviewed did cite a so-called 60-day rule in which prosecutors avoid public disclosures of investigative steps against a candidate.

But, the report said, "the 60-Day Rule is not written or described in any department policy or regulation." "I look at it sort of differently than 60 days," former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates is quoted in the report as having said. "To me if it were 90 days off, and you think it has a significant chance of impacting an election, unless there's a reason you need to take that action, now you don't do it."

IF THERE WAS SUCH A RULE, COMEY BROKE IT

These same issues surfaced within the FBI and Justice Department when agents, shortly before the 2016 presidential election, discovered a new batch of Hillary Clinton emails that they considered relevant to their investigation into her use of a private email server.

Then-FBI Director James Comey decided to alert Congress to the emails just

11 days before the election, saying he had a duty to update lawmakers after having previously told them that the FBI's work was done.

He followed up two days before the election to say that nothing in the new email batch had changed the original conclusion. But many Democrats blamed Comey's late disclosure for costing Clinton the election and said he shouldn't have spoken out publicly so soon before the race — especially when the FBI didn't even know what was in the email batch.

REQUIREMENTS ON MUELLER

Mueller is only required by law to deliver his conclusions to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who has been in charge of the probe since Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself.

Rosenstein could release the contents or withhold them.

WHAT'S NEXT

It's certainly possible that more indictments or guilty pleas could be coming given that Mueller has not indicated that his work is near completion. The Mueller investigation has produced charges so far against 32 people, including four former Trump campaign or White House aides, and three Russian companies. A grand jury in Washington is continuing to hear testimony tied to Trump adviser Roger Stone.

Mueller's office has interviewed dozens of current and former aides as it scrutinizes whether Trump sought to obstruct justice, a determination that has not been made.

Meanwhile, federal prosecutors in New York have been examining a scheme to make hush-money payments to two women who say they had sex with Trump, a separate investigation that has ensnared former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen, who pleaded guilty last month to campaign finance violations and implicated the president. Trump has denied wrongdoing. □

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The seat will then be up again for a full six-year term. Gov. Doug Ducey, also a Republican, said Kyl was "the best possible person, regardless of politics" for the job, and he hopes Kyl serves past the end of the year.

If Kyl does leave the Senate after the end of the current congressional term next Jan. 3, Arizona's governor can appoint another senator for the remaining year. By state law the senator will have to be a member of the same party as the departing one, in this case the GOP.

For now, Kyl will pad Republicans' margin in the narrowly divided Senate. They hold a 51-49 majority but that dwindled to a single vote while McCain stayed in Arizona for much of this year being treated for the brain cancer that killed him on Aug. 25.

The GOP is hoping Kyl will be a more reliable partisan vote than McCain, whose opposition to a partial repeal of President Obama's health care law pitched the party into turmoil last year.

Kyl is well-respected in Arizona and has been able to avoid many of the battles with activists that complicated McCain's career and that of the state's other senator, Jeff Flake, who is retiring because his feud with Trump made his re-election impossible. Kyl's entire career in Washington overlapped with McCain's, and he served with the state's senior senator for three terms before stepping down.

Kyl carved out a profile as a reliable conservative vote and a foreign policy expert.

McCain's widow, Cindy, tweeted: "Jon Kyl is a dear friend of mine and John's. It's a great tribute to John that he is prepared to go back into public service to help the state of Arizona." Doug Cole, a veteran Republican consultant and former McCain aide, said Kyl was a safe pick.

"I think McCain would be very happy with the pick. Honors his legacy while putting some major horsepower for Arizona in the seat, at

least for now," he said.

An attorney, Kyl speaks in a formal, reserved manner that is a sharp contrast to President Trump, and he belongs to an older, less populist vanguard of the GOP. At a news conference where he was introduced as McCain's replacement, Kyl said in a response to a question that he's only met Trump once, though he noted he is working for the White House by serving as Kavanaugh's so-called "sherpa."

With a nod toward McCain, Kyl said the president's "desire to jump into the middle of or be in the middle of a fight — and by the way that reminds me of somebody — can be detrimental in the end to what he's trying to achieve."

During his time back in the Senate, Kyl will have the opportunity to vote on several issues that have been involved in his lobbying activities, from immigration to national security.

Kyl has lobbied on behalf of young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children, often called Dreamers, whose fate is in limbo after Trump tried to end an Obama-era program protecting them from deportation and Congress deadlocked on a solution.

Kyl will likely also vote on bills containing tens of billions of dollars for Defense Department programs after he represented defense giant Northrop Grumman. His work was primarily focused on tax issues affecting the company, but Kyl's firm, Covington & Burling, also lobbied the House and Senate to drum up support for the B-21 bomber, a stealth aircraft Northrop Grumman is building for the Air Force.

The unusual timing of Kyl's appointment could work out for another Arizona Republican who wants to become a U.S. senator — Rep. Martha McSally.

She's currently locked in a tough campaign against Democratic Rep. Kyrsten Sinema for the Senate seat Flake is vacating. Should she lose, McSally — a former Air Force colonel who once worked on Kyl's staff — could be appointed to the McCain seat if Kyl leaves it in January. □



Former Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., right, answers a question after Gov. Doug Ducey, R-Ariz., announced that Kyl will fill Sen. John McCain's seat in the U.S. Senate at a news conference at the Arizona Capitol Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, in Phoenix.

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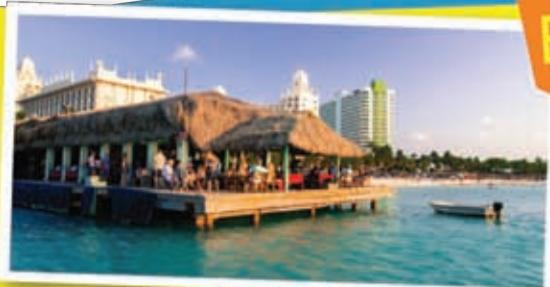
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In this May 16, 2018 file photo, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt appears before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies on budget on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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EPA watchdog faults Pruitt's \$3.5 million security costs

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency failed to document any threats or security risks that warranted spending more than \$3.5 million on unprecedented around-the-clock bodyguards for then-chief Scott Pruitt,

the agency's internal watchdog concluded on Tuesday.

The EPA allowed Pruitt and his administrative team to increase the security detail to 19 agents, up from six for Pruitt's predecessor. That "undocumented decision represents an inefficient use of agency resources," the inspector general concluded. EPA spokesman Michael Abboud said in an email that officials had to look at more than specific and serious threats, or the lack of them, in deciding how much security an official needs.

Abboud cited gun attacks without warning on GOP lawmakers at a baseball practice last year and on a Democratic congresswoman in Arizona in 2011.

"Lack of a threat does not mean that there is no risk or that protective services are not appropriate," the EPA spokesman wrote.

Pruitt left the EPA in July after less than 1 1/2 years and amid unending revelations of scandals over his spending and other allegations of abuses of office. The new acting EPA administrator, Andrew Wheeler, ended the unprecedented full-time security detail that month. The inspector general's report said Pruitt's security costs were more than double those of his predecessor, Gina McCarthy, during her last year. It also cited \$106,507 in overtime, some of it in 2016, before President Donald Trump's administration, for security that lacked proper authorization.

Travel costs for Pruitt's

bodyguards more than tripled, to \$739,580, from February 2017 to December 2017, owing to Pruitt's insistence on 24-hour-a-day security and on premium-class travel for himself and a bodyguard, the report said. Sen. Tom Carper, a Democrat from Delaware and a vocal critic as ethics allegations mounted against Pruitt, called the agency's security spending "simply unacceptable."

"This report confirms what we suspected — Mr. Pruitt's excessive, 24/7 security detail and the costs it incurred while Pruitt traveled the world first class on the taxpayers' dime was not properly justified and was not based on a security threat analysis on risks to Pruitt," Carper said.

Ken Cook, president of the nonprofit Environmental Working Group, said Pruitt, who had been an avid enforcer of Trump's mission to roll back environmental regulation deemed unfriendly to business, "not only held the EPA's mission in contempt but saw his post as a chance to pamper himself on the American taxpayer's dime." EPA officials never gave the agency's independently funded inspector's general office "any documented evidence or justification" supporting the decision to give Pruitt night-and-day security, the report said.

The inspector general's report said the agency contended "the level of protection is an administration decision, informed by the awareness of risks and the potential impact of those risks to the efficient functioning of the agency." □

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Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel won't seek 3rd term

By MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — In a surprise announcement, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said Tuesday that he would abandon his effort to seek a third term next year but gave no reason for his sudden change of heart.

The 58-year-old former White House chief of staff known for his pugnacious political style said only that he and his wife "look forward to writing that next chapter in our journey together."

"This has been the job of a lifetime, but it is not a job for a lifetime," the mayor said, reading prepared remarks at a news conference where he was joined at the podium by his wife. He held her hand throughout the announcement.

Emanuel had been running for months and raising money. The Chicago Tribune said he had already amassed more than \$10 million to campaign for another four-year term.

His announcement came the day before the start of one of the biggest police-shooting trials in Chicago history. The release almost three years ago of a dashcam video showing white officer Jason Van Dyke shooting black teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times in 2014 drew the sharpest criticism of Emanuel in his two terms.

No matter how the trial ends, Emanuel's legacy as mayor will likely be tied to the case.

Many people questioned whether his office delayed releasing the video to lessen the political damage. The trial is expected to draw added scrutiny of how the city, and Emanuel, dealt with the case.

A verdict in the officer's favor or a hung jury could prompt another crisis in the city, angering many Chicagoans, inviting large protests and creating a volatile political atmosphere.

Looking back on his time as mayor, Emanuel said his top priorities included rebuilding trust between police and the community. He also cited the improvement of Chicago schools, better financial management of the city and the modernization of transportation infrastructure.

Before becoming mayor in 2011, Emanuel was a Democratic congressman and chief of staff to President Barack Obama. He followed Richard M. Daley, who was mayor for more than 20 years. He won a second term in a 2015 runoff.

There are now no front-runners in the race to lead the nation's third-largest city, and Emanuel's departure will almost certainly encourage others to enter it. As mayor, Emanuel won some praise for his efforts to upgrade schools, including by adopting a longer school day. He also attract-



In this Aug. 6, 2018, file photo, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel speaks at a news conference in Chicago. Emanuel announced Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, that he will not seek a third term in 2019.

ed companies to the city and took measures to ease crisis surrounding the worst-funded pension system of any major U.S. city.

But he was also accused of plowing ahead on policy changes without consulting others. He often reveled in his tough-guy reputation. In his Tuesday statement, Emanuel several times referred to his family, noting that his three kids are now in college. But he stopped short of saying family considerations drove his decision.

"Politicians always say they're leaving office to spend more time with their

family," he said. "My kids were smart enough to see that coming and scattered to the two coasts. So as of the other day, we are now empty nesters."

Emanuel grew up in the ritzy Chicago suburb of Wilmette, the son of an Israeli physician who moved to the United States. His start in politics came after college, when he worked for Sen. Paul Simon's 1984 Senate campaign and Richard Daley's run for Chicago mayor in 1989.

Then he went to work for a little-known Arkansas governor who wanted to be president. □

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Water coolers replace school drinking fountains in Detroit

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Thousands of Detroit public schools students were told Tuesday to drink from district-supplied water coolers or bottled water on the first day of classes, after the drinking fountains were shut off because of contaminants in some water fixtures.

Superintendent Nikolai Vitti said last week that elevated levels of lead or copper were found in fixtures at 34 schools. Test results are pending for other schools.

The discovery of contaminated water in Detroit's schools follows a lead-tainted water crisis in Flint, Michigan. In 2014 and 2015, Flint didn't properly treat corrosive water that was pulled from the Flint River. As a result, lead in old pipes contaminated the water going into homes and businesses, and it streamed from household taps as a brown and smelly fluid.

Some children in the city were subsequently found to have elevated levels of lead in their blood, which can lead to developmental delays and other health problems. Eager to not undergo the same health and financial fallout as Flint, officials decided no students at Detroit's 106 public schools should be subjected to drinking mains water until a solution can be found and the water



A bottled water dispenser sits in a hallway at Gardner Elementary School in Detroit, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018.

Associated Press

declared safe. School officials believe old fixtures, not the water source, may be to blame.

"We're still providing water that we believe is safer, and, ultimately, we actually believe students will drink more water than they did previously," Vitti said Tuesday at Gardner Elementary on Detroit's west side. "But this is about teaching and learning, not a conversation about water. It's an injustice that children and parents have to think about quality water, but we did the overall testing to be transparent and be proactive." "I can sleep better at night and actually look in the mirror knowing that we did the right thing," he

added. Vitti said the cost of the coolers and bottled water will be \$200,000 over two months. He's looking at developing a long-term plan for new central water stations at every school with independent piping systems, Vitti said.

But as parent Quala (KWAY'-luh) Bennett dropped two children off at Gardner Elementary Tuesday, she wondered why the district only recently began testing its water. "I don't understand why it's still a problem. I don't understand why now they're checking the school system," Bennett said. "They should have done that once the whole Flint thing happened." Detroit

Schools should not have waited until the start of the school year to alert parents about the water issues, said Rhonda Walton, whose grandson is a kindergartner at Gardner.

"That's something that should have been ongoing over the summer," Walton said. "They knew that we had to be at school by today. And those issues should have been corrected by today."

Walton also said she reminds her grandson not to drink the water. "We're not touching that water if we don't have to," she said.

Ken Coleman, a spokesman for the Detroit Federation of Teachers, said the union would deliver bottled

water and hand sanitizers to Noble Elementary-Middle School on Detroit's west side Tuesday afternoon, and that more would be distributed to other schools later. The American Federation of Teachers is providing the water and hand sanitizers. Local teachers' union leaders are expected to meet Tuesday afternoon with the American Federation of Teachers to discuss how to address the safe water issue.

"We see this as an effort to augment what already is being provided by the district," Coleman said. "It's our opportunity to help make the school setting a better learning environment for our students." □



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NYC fines unpaid by Kushner Cos.: Over \$500K and counting

By BERNARD CONDON
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Kushner family real estate firm has amassed over a half-million dollars in unpaid fines for various New York City sanitation and building violations, with much of that bill incurred while President Donald Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner was running the company.

City figures compiled for The Associated Press by a tenant watchdog group show that most of the fines — \$350,000 — stretched over the past five years. And just last month the company was fined \$210,000 for filing false construction documents.

The hundreds of violations in dozens of its buildings ranged from the seemingly minor — "loose rubbish" — to the serious, such as not getting permits for electrical work or failing to notify authorities of work that could disturb asbestos. Most of the fines were for a few hundred dollars apiece. But in many cases the company failed to show up for required court hearings, triggering additional penalty fines atop interest payments that allowed the bill to grow.

"This is a company that will cut corners at any cost, even if it comes at the expense of its residents and the rule of law," said Aaron Carr, executive director of Housing Rights Initiative, which compiled the data.

The Kushner Cos. said the tally is misleading because many of the fines are actually the fault of tenants illegally renting their apartments through Airbnb, and businesses in its buildings not cleaning up properly. It said the fines for illegal renting alone total \$110,000.

"Every significant property owner in New York gets fined at some point for something and a snapshot at any point in time does not tell the whole story," the Kushner Cos. said in a statement. □

Sting operation recovered Dorothy's stolen ruby slippers

By STEVE KARNOWSKI
Associated Press
BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn.
(AP) — A pair of ruby slippers used in "The Wizard of Oz" and later stolen from a Minnesota museum were recovered in a sting operation after a man approached the shoes' insurer and said he could help get them back, the FBI said Tuesday.

The slippers were on loan to the Judy Garland Museum in the late actress' hometown of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, when they were taken in 2005 by someone who climbed through a window and broke into a small display case. The shoes were insured for \$1 million.

The FBI said a man approached the insurer in summer 2017 and said he could help get them back. Grand Rapids police asked for the FBI's help and after a nearly year-long investigation, the slippers were recovered in July during a sting operation in Minneapolis.

The FBI said no one has yet been arrested or charged in the case, but they have "multiple suspects" and continue to investigate. As they unveiled the recovered slippers at a news conference Tuesday, they asked anyone with information about the theft to contact them.

"We're not done. We have a lot of work to do," Christopher Myers, the U.S. attorney for North Dakota, said. Myers said he would handle any prosecution. The North Dakota link to the



This April 10, 1996, file photo shows one of the four pairs of ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in the 1939 film "The Wizard of Oz" on display during a media tour of the "America's Smithsonian" traveling exhibition in Kansas City, Mo.

Associated Press

case wasn't evident and authorities declined to explain it.

The slippers had been on loan to the Garland museum from Hollywood memorabilia collector Michael Shaw. Three other pairs that Garland wore in the movie are held by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the Smithsonian and a private collector.

The stolen slippers' authenticity was verified by comparing them with the pair at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History in Washington.

The ruby slippers are key in the 1939 movie. After mysteriously landing in the colorful Land of Oz after a tornado hit her farm in Kansas, Garland's character, Dorothy, has to click the heels of her slippers three times and repeat "there's no place like home" to return.

Rhys Thomas, author of "The Ruby Slippers of Oz," called the slippers "the Holy Grail

of Hollywood memorabilia."

"They are maybe the most iconic cinematic prop or costume in movie history, and in fact, in cultural history," Thomas said. "They are a cultural icon."

Thomas estimated that this particular pair could be worth between \$2 million to \$7 million.

He said it's not clear in which scenes they were used, but he was "99 percent" sure that they appeared in the film.

Thomas said the slippers then went unseen for 30 years until Shaw, acting as a middleman, bought them for someone who intended to sell them to the late actress Debbie Reynolds, but Shaw ended up keeping them and often loaned them for exhibits.

Law enforcement offered a \$250,000 reward early in the case, and a fan in Arizona offered another \$1 million in 2015. □



France's Macron encounters obstacle course at home

By SYLVIE CORBET

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French President Emmanuel Macron planned to focus this month on promoting his policies to reshape the economy. Instead, he's encountered obstacles.

The resignations of two popular Cabinet ministers, snags in a pending income tax system and anger over cuts in family and housing benefits greeted Macron as France returned from summer holidays.

Last week, the 40-year-old leader branded the French as "Gauls resistant to change." He made the remark while reaffirming his intent to push for loosening

France's rigid labor rules despite such resistance.

MISSING MINISTERS

Environment Minister Nicolas Hulot's resignation last week was an unexpected blow. Hulot, the well-known host of a television nature show, personified Macron's agenda for greener policies.

Hulot's decision to quit raised questions about the president's commitment to "Make our planet great again" — a verbal jab at U.S. President Donald Trump's withdrawal from the Paris climate accords. An experienced politician and environmentalist, Francois de Rugy, was named as the new environment



In this Sunday, May 14, 2017 file photo Francois de Rugy, a close aide to French President Emmanuel Macron, arrives at the Elysee Palace in Paris.

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minister Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Sport Minister Laura Flessel, who holds two Olympic gold med-

als in fencing, tendered her resignation Tuesday for "personal reasons." She was replaced by swim-

mer Roxana Maracineanu, world champion in backstroke at the 1998 World Aquatics Championships.

TAXING TIMES A major change in French life is set to take place in January with the introduction of a new schedule and system for paying income taxes. Macron suggested last week that potential technical bugs could be an issue. His comments made the government look unprepared to the public.

Yet Prime Minister Edouard Philippe confirmed on Tuesday night the measure, launched under Macron's predecessor Francois Hollande, will be implemented as planned. □

Spain cancels bombs sale to Saudi Arabia amid Yemen concerns

By ARITZ PARRA

Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Spain said Tuesday it has canceled the delivery of 400 laser-guided bombs purchased by Saudi Arabia, amid fears that the weapons could be used against Iran-aligned Houthi rebels in Yemen.

The arms deal was originally signed in 2015 under Spain's former conservative government, but the new center-left administration of Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez plans to return the 9.2 million euros (\$10.6 million) already paid by the Saudis, Cadena SER radio reported on Tuesday.

A Defense Ministry spokeswoman confirmed the report, but declined to elaborate. She was not authorized to be identified in media reports.

International rights groups have blamed a Saudi-led coalition's airstrikes and other attacks in Yemen for the killing of civilians, including



In this April 12, 2018 file photo, Saudi Arabia Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Spain's then Defense Minister Maria Dolores Cospedal shake hands after signing bi-lateral agreements at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid, Spain.

Associated Press

children. U.N. human rights experts say all sides, including militias backed by the United Arab Emirates, may have committed war crimes in the conflict raging since March 2015.

The Saudi embassy in Madrid did not immediately respond to emailed questions and follow-up calls. Sanchez's Socialist party

had promised to revise the country's arms deals before the new prime minister ousted his predecessor, Mariano Rajoy, in a parliamentary vote in June.

As a longtime commercial ally of Saudi Arabia, Spain is the fourth largest provider of military equipment and weapons to the Gulf state, according to Amnesty In-

ternational. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, an independent global security database, says the United States, Britain and France are Riyadh's main suppliers. The Saudi crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, visited all four countries in April this year. Two months later, his government signed the purchase of five navy corvettes that a Spanish state-owned military shipbuilder has pledged to deliver for 2 billion euros (\$2.31 billion). The contract had been in the works for years.

The sale was sharply criticized by Weapons Under Control, a campaign seeking to end arms sales to Saudi Arabia over its role in Yemen. The campaign, backed by Amnesty International, Greenpeace, Intermon Oxfam and Spain's FundiPau, also wants to end exports of weapons to Israel, a country they ac-

use of violating international laws in Palestine territories.

The group's representatives were meeting with Spanish trade officials on Tuesday to deliver thousands of signatures in support of their campaign, which also advocates for greater transparency in the sales of military and defense equipment that Spain shields under state secrecy laws.

A U.N. experts committee urged the international community last month to refrain from providing arms that could be used in the Yemen conflict, in reference to Western countries selling sophisticated weapons systems to the Gulf States.

The U.N. says the conflict in Yemen has become the world's worst humanitarian crisis, with more than 22 million people in desperate need in what was already the Arab world's poorest country. □



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Bank of England chief hints he will stay to help with Brexit

By PAN PYLAS

LONDON (AP) — Bank of England Governor Mark Carney all but confirmed Tuesday that he is to stay at the helm of the central bank for longer than planned to help ensure Britain leaves the European Union as smoothly as possible.

Following days of speculation about an extension beyond his planned June 2019 departure, Carney told a committee of lawmakers that during "this critical period" everyone should do what they can to help the Brexit process.

Carney, a Canadian, took



In this file photo dated Wednesday, June 27, 2018, Mark Carney the Governor of the Bank of England, during a press conference to deliver the Financial Stability Report at the Bank of England in the City of London.

Associated Press

the top job at the Bank of England in July 2013 on a five-year basis. He extended it by a further year in the

aftermath of Britain's vote in June 2016 to leave the EU. "Even though I have already agreed to extend my time to support a smooth Brexit, I am willing to do whatever else I can in order to promote both a smooth Brexit and an effective transition at the Bank of England," he said Tuesday.

With Brexit due March 29, 2019, Carney confirmed he has been in talks with Britain's Treasury chief, Philip Hammond, about extending his tenure again. Concerns have been raised recently that the Treasury had yet to open up the appointment process to re-

place Carney. Carney, who is reportedly also interested in returning to Canadian politics, has said the government will announce details "in due course." Media reports have suggested his tenure may be extended by about a year or two.

"The sooner the government provides clarity, the better," said Nicky Morgan, a Conservative lawmaker who chairs the Treasury Committee to which Carney was addressing Tuesday. "Any extension to Carney's term should not be used to delay succession planning." □

Germany: Left-leaning pols form group to spur establishment

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — One of Germany's most prominent left-wing politicians is leading a new movement launched Tuesday with the aim of reviving the fortunes of the country's ailing left by attracting like-minded people across party lines.

Lawmaker Sahra Wagenknecht, whose Left Party grew out of the former East Germany's communist party, and two members of the Greens and the Social Democrats said more than 100,000 people have pledged online to support their initiative.

"We are witnessing a crisis of democracy in Germany," and the new group —

called Stand Up ("Aufstehen" in German) — wants to reach citizens who "no longer feel represented" by mainstream politics, Wagenknecht, the Left Party's parliamentary leader, told reporters in Berlin.

The Left Party and the Social Democrats have lost disaffected voters to the far-right Alternative for Germany, or AfD. The nationalist party won enough votes to enter national parliament for the first time in September and continues to show well in polls, particularly in states that were part of East Germany.

The growing visibility of the far right in Germany was seen last week after two migrants were arrested in

the killing of German man. The Aug. 26 slaying gave rise to street protests that brought together neo-Nazi groups, AfD supporters and Germans opposed to Chancellor Angela Merkel's welcoming immigration policies.

Ludger Vollmer, a founding member of the Greens, and Simone Lange, a Social Democrat who is mayor of Flensburg in northern Germany, are founding members with Wagenknecht of the Stand Up group. Nationally, the center-left Social Democratic Party is a junior coalition partner to Merkel's center-right Christian Democrats, while both the Left Party and Greens are in opposition.



Sahra Wagenknecht addresses the media during the first press conference of the new political movement 'Stand Up' in Berlin, Germany, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018.

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The three said Tuesday they neither want to create a new party nor break away from their own parties. Instead, they said Stand Up would pressure the political establishment to deal with the worries and concerns of average Germans, such as housing costs, bad schools, a nursing shortage and low salaries.

Other members of the country's three left-leaning parties have expressed skepticism. Thuringia state Gov. Bodo Ramelow, a Left Party member, said "a movement needs to develop from the bottom" and not be initiated by party members. □

Taliban say founder of Haqqani network dies in Afghanistan

By KATHY GANNON

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The founder of Afghanistan's much-feared Haqqani network, a former U.S. ally turned fierce enemy, has died after years of ill health, a Taliban spokesman said Tuesday. Jalaluddin Haqqani was 71.

Haqqani died Monday inside Afghanistan, Zabihullah Mujahed told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. The elderly founder of the outlawed Afghanistan-based organization, once hailed as a freedom fighter by U.S. President Ronald Reagan, had been paralyzed for the past 10 years.

In announcing his death Tuesday, Mujahed called Haqqani a religious scholar and exemplary warrior.

Because of his infirmity, Haqqani's network has been led by his son Sirajuddin Haqqani, who is also deputy head of the Taliban. Considered the most formidable of the

Taliban's fighting forces, the Haqqani network has been linked to some of the more audacious attacks in Afghanistan. The elder Haqqani joined the Taliban when they overran Kabul in September 1996, expelling feuding mujahedeen groups, whose battles left the capital in ruins.

Since then, the network has been among the fiercest foes fighting U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan. The elder Haqqani's death is not expected to impact the network's military might or strategy.

Haqqani was among the Afghan mujahedeen, or holy warriors, the United States backed in the 1980s to fight the former Soviet Union's invading army, sent to Afghanistan in 1979 to prop up the pro-Moscow government. Haqqani was praised by the late U.S. Congressman Charlie Wilson as "goodness personified." After 10 years, Moscow negotiated an exit from Afghanistan in an agreement that eventually led to the collapse of Kabul's communist government and a takeover by



In this Aug. 22, 1998, file photo, Jalaluddin Haqqani, founder of the militant group the Haqqani network, speaks during an interview in Miram Shah, Pakistan.

Associated Press

the mujahedeen.

In 2012 the United States declared the Haqqani network a terrorist organization. Haqqani had not been heard from in several years and reports of his death were widespread in 2015.

Declassified U.S. cables called Haqqani a "moderate socialist" who did not embrace the Taliban's strict rules that denied girls education. "Haqqani functions more in the military area, and is not a force in setting Taliban political or social issues," the cables read.

Born in 1947 into the powerful Zardran tribe that dominates southeastern Afghanistan's Paktia, Paktika and Khost provinces, Haqqani was a close friend of Osama bin Laden, who often took refuge in his camps outside Khost.

The father of 12 sons, the ailing Haqqani — who had been suffering from Parkinson disease for several years prior to his death — had turned the day-to-day military campaign over to his son Sirajuddin.

The elder Haqqani's association with Pakistan dates back to his early years,

when he studied a deeply conservative form of Islam at the Darulaman Haqqania madrassa, or religious school, in northwest Pakistan. In an earlier interview with The Associated Press, the school's top cleric Maulana Sami-ul-Haq, recalled a studious Haqqani.

It was Haqqani's rigid interpretation of Islam that launched him on the road to insurgency in the early 1970s when he returned to Afghanistan to open a madrassa, or religious school, and organized a movement against Afghanistan's monarch, King Zahir Shah, according to unclassified U.S. documents that tracked Haqqani's militant career from the early 1970s to his partnership with the Taliban in 1996.

Forced to leave Afghanistan because of his agitation against the monarchy, which was eventually overthrown, Haqqani set up a madrassa in Miran Shah, in Pakistan's North Waziristan. During the 1980s, when Washington backed an uprising against the communist government in Kabul and its Russian allies, it was Haqqani's military prowess

that brought him attention from both the United States and Pakistan. He received both money and weapons from the U.S.

While the Soviet Union poured men and money into Afghanistan to support the Communist government in Kabul, Pakistan, the United States and several Arab states including Saudi Arabia and Egypt, stockpiled weapons for the mujahedeen in neighboring Pakistan. Suitcases full of cash were delivered to the mujahedeen through Pakistan, according to a former CIA chief, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He told The AP he personally delivered suitcases full of money to Haqqani, whom he described as "one of the good ones."

It was during the 1980s that fighters from the Muslim world were recruited to fight the invading communists in Afghanistan. Bin Laden was among the first to sign up. Many of the Arab fighters gravitated toward Haqqani because he was an Arabic speaker and a ferocious warrior.

Many of the Arab fighters, who remain in Afghanistan,

including the new head of al-Qaida Ayman al Zawahri, are believed to be protected by the Haqqani network, which it is believed they also help fund.

Haqqani developed close ties with Pakistan's intelligence service known by the acronym ISI as well as Pakistani militant groups, many of whom were being groomed by the ISI to fight neighbor India in the disputed Kashmir region.

Fazlur Rehman Khalil, founder of the outlawed Harakat-ul Mujahedeen

After the Russians left and Afghanistan's communist government fell to the U.S.-backed mujahedeen, Haqqani served briefly as justice minister. He soon abandoned the mujahedeen government frustrated by their relentless feuding and returned to Khost where he maintained close contact with militants, including bin Laden, from Arabic speaking countries.

After taking power in September 1996, the Taliban embraced Haqqani for his military skills, according to a declassified 1998 cable from the U.S. Embassy. That cable also said Haqqani "is close buddies with many Arab and Pakistani Islamists."

In August 1998, U.S. cruise missiles targeted Haqqani's base in a failed attempt to kill bin Laden. Several Pakistani militants affiliated with Harakat-ul-Mujahedeen group were killed in that attack.

"It makes me sad that he is no longer among us," Fazlur Rehman Khalil, co-founder of the outlawed Harakat-ul Mujahedeen said Tuesday after hearing the news of Haqqani's death. Khalil lives freely on the outskirts of the Pakistani capital of Islamabad, currently promoting a fatwa or religious edict banning militant violence in Pakistan.

In November 2001, when the Taliban were routed from Kabul, Haqqani was ordered by Mullah Omar to move the Arab fighters to safety.

Haqqani had proven to be among the most resilient of Afghanistan's insurgents. □



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China's Xi to send top ally to North Korea anniversary

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese President Xi Jinping will not attend celebrations of the 70th anniversary of North Korea's founding this weekend but will send a top ally to represent him instead, the ruling Communist Party announced Tuesday.

Speculation had swirled over whether Xi would attend the celebrations following three visits to China this year by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

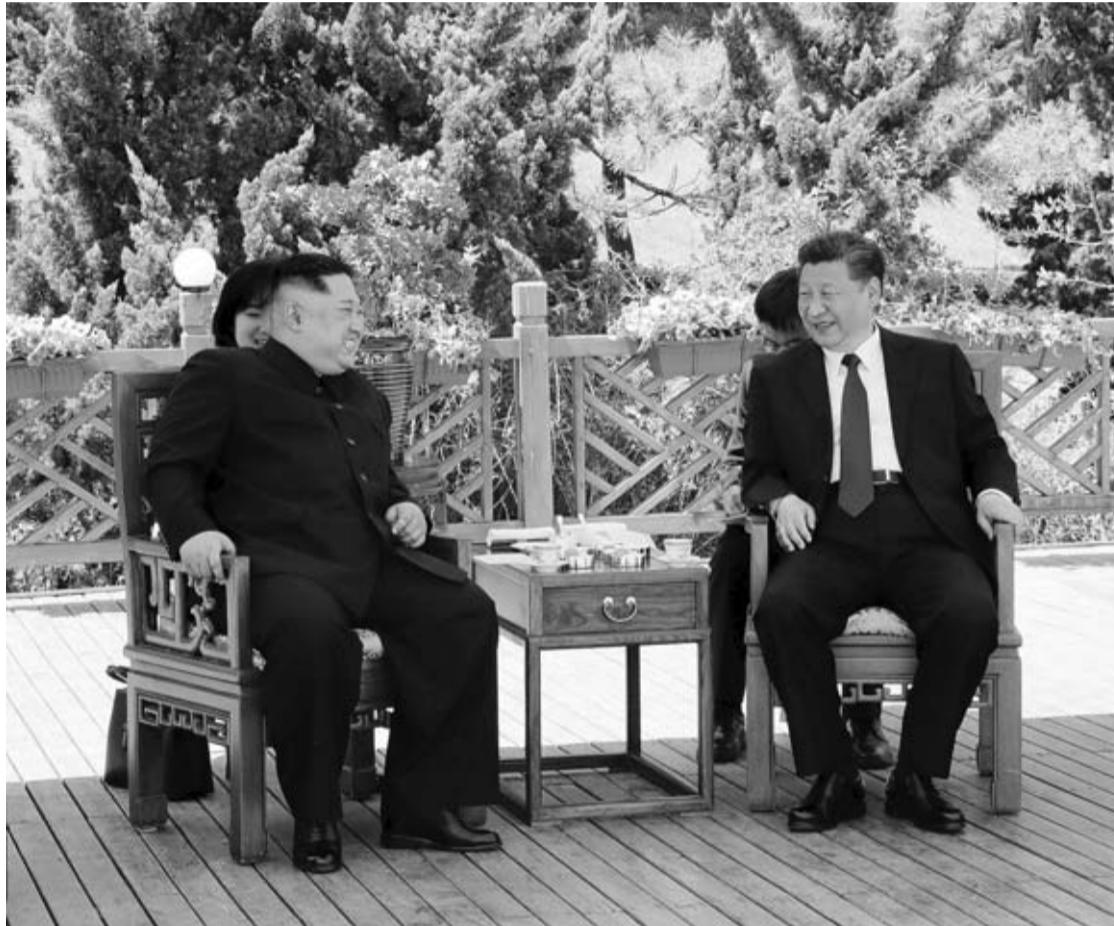
Analysts said a decision by Xi not to travel to Pyongyang would indicate that Beijing expected further actions from Kim, including real signs of progress toward denuclearization.

The party's International Department said Xi would be represented by Li Zhanshu, the party's third-ranking official and head of China's rubberstamp parliament.

While China-North Korea relations have improved this year following a prolonged chill, China remains committed to U.N. economic sanctions placed on the North over its ballistic missile and nuclear weapons testing programs.

The celebrations in Pyongyang also come as U.S. President Donald Trump has blamed Beijing for the slow progress of denuclearization, suggesting that China has been encouraging North Korea to drag its feet with denuclearization to gain leverage against the U.S. in a trade dispute that has seen both sides leveling tariffs on \$50 billion of each other's products.

Last week, Trump tweeted that North Korea "is under tremendous pressure from China because of our major trade disputes with the Chinese government," adding, "This is not helpful!" China wasn't having any of



In this file photo, released by China's Xinhua News Agency, Chinese President Xi Jinping speaks to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Dalian in northeastern China's Liaoning Province.

Associated Press

it. Foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Washington should "engage in self-reflection and stop flip-flopping and blaming others."

"Regarding America's attempts to pass the buck, I'm sorry, we'd rather not accept," Hua told reporters.

China has already distanced itself somewhat from its significant cooperation with the U.S. on North Korea. After supporting tough U.N. sanctions and scaling back trade with the North after it ramped up nuclear and missile tests last year, Beijing has eased the pressure on its neighbor slightly.

No Chinese head of state has visited North Korea since President Hu Jintao met with Kim's father, Kim Jong Il, in Pyongyang in

2005, a time when Beijing was urging the North to reform its economy and take part in six-nation denuclearization talks.

When the younger Kim took power in 2011, exchanges slowed as Kim sought to assert his independence and China grew impatient with Kim's nuclear and missile tests. Ties frayed last year when China supported tougher U.N. sanctions on Pyongyang and suspended coal and iron ore imports.

That made Kim's three visits to China this year all the more striking, a sign that the relationship was back on track.

A visit by Xi on such a symbolic occasion would have further underscored the unique historical ties between the two countries' ruling parties. Mao Zedong

sent Chinese troops to aid North Korea after the Korean War began in 1950, setting up a relationship once described as being "as close as lips and teeth."

Xi could have also used the opportunity to reassert China's claim to a place at the table when key decisions are made concerning Pyongyang's relationships with both Washington and South Korea, including over a possible formal end to the Korean War. Beijing is determined to ensure its interests are honored, especially its desire to maintain the viability of Kim's regime and keep U.S. and South Korean forces far from its border.

"I think Beijing is worried that North Korea will go its own way and work out new relationships with Washington and Seoul and move out of

China's orbit," said John Delury, a North Korea expert at Yonsei University in Seoul. Michael Kovrig, senior adviser for Northeast Asia at the International Crisis Group, described a decision by Xi not to go as a "strong signal," indicating that "North Korea has a lot to do to get back in China's good graces."

Still, his appointment of a high-ranking official such as Li as his envoy appeared to indicate ties remained basically on track.

Kim's visits to Beijing displayed all the customary pomp and circumstance bestowed on his father and grandfather. A separate visit to the northern port of Dalian showed the two leaders strolling along the beach and chatting amid lush gardens — all apparently intended to imply a warm personal relationship between them.

Diplomats say Beijing continues to implement U.N. sanctions on exports of coal, iron ore, seafood and other products. In one area not covered by the sanctions, however, it seems to be cutting Pyongyang some slack: tourism.

Recent visitors to North Korea say numbers of Chinese visitors have exploded in recent months, with busloads turning up at key spots such as the Demilitarized Zone dividing the two Koreas and Mount Paektu, which touches the country's border with China.

China is likely advertising the potential benefits of North Korean compliance farther down the line.

"China has a strategy of trying to prevent North Korea from straying too far," Delury said. "This relationship is full of mutual distrust, but they keep it within certain bounds." □



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New UN human rights chief has survived torture herself

By EVA VERGARA

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet was 23 years old when she was tortured and fled her country's dictatorship into exile. Now, more than four decades later, she will face her past fighting such abuses worldwide as the new U.N. human rights chief.

Bachelet, 66, is often seen smiling, chatting easily or tossing unplanned comments or jokes into her speeches. But behind her good humor lie haunting memories of the brutal dictatorship that tore her family apart.

Her father, air force Gen. Alberto Bachelet, died in 1974 following months of torture in prison. Gen. Augusto Pinochet's military had convicted him of being a traitor for opposing the 1973 military coup that ousted President Salvador Allende.

Bachelet herself was arrested along with her mother in 1975.

She was a young member of the Socialist Party, and her time in a secret prison was an ordeal that she prefers not to talk about, saying only in her autobiography that she suffered "physical hardships."

Using the family's political connections, she went into exile in Australia and the former East Germany. There she reunited with her then-partner, Jaime Lopez. At age 25, Lopez became one of the leaders of the Socialist Party that had seen many of its members tortured, killed or forced



In this July 20, 2017, file photo, Chile's then President Michelle Bachelet looks on during visit to Memory Park which honors victims of the country's dictatorship, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Associated Press

ibly disappeared by Chile's military dictatorship. He returned to Chile, but only briefly because he feared he would be captured by Pinochet's agents. Back in Europe, Bachelet reminded him of the importance of committing to the cause and her father's sacrifice, according to "Bachelet. The Unofficial Story," by Javier Ortega and Andrea Insunza.

"My dad died because he was consistent. I expect nothing less from you," the book says Bachelet told her then-boyfriend.

When he followed her advice, Lopez was captured in Chile. Under torture, he gave Pinochet's secret police information on other members of the Socialist Party, before he became one of the about 1,000

people who were forcibly disappeared during the dictatorship.

Her father's death and her boyfriend's disappearance marked Bachelet's character. Despite this, she never held grudges - not even against the Chilean military, said Giorgio Agostini, a sociologist who has long-known Bachelet and has written about her life.

Bachelet returned to Chile in 1979 when she felt she could do so safely. She studied medicine, specializing in pediatrics, and began working at an organization that helped children with mental health problems whose parents had been victims of the 1973-90 dictatorship.

Bachelet rose through the ranks of the Socialist Party and became a key player

in the center-left coalition that dominated Chile's government for almost 20 years after Pinochet lost power.

Putting her traumatic past behind, she helped the discredited military regain its status in the wake of Pinochet's dictatorship.

One of her emblematic moments came when she was named Latin America's first woman defense minister during the government of President Ricardo Lagos. She continued to break boundaries when she became Chile's first women president in 2006.

After her term, she was named the first head of U.N. Women, the world body's new women's agency. She left the post to return to Chile and won the presidency again, serving

from 2014-18.

Bachelet is known as a caring single mother, a hard worker and an astute negotiator.

In her new post as the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, she replaces Zeid Ra'ad Al-Hussein, a diplomat and member of Jordan's royal family.

Diplomats from the U.N.'s 193-member states burst into applause in July when the General Assembly president gave official approval to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' selection of Bachelet.

But in Chile, some human rights groups criticize her record, saying that as president she failed to close a special prison for dictatorship-era criminals that provided them with comforts they wouldn't enjoy in regular confinement.

Guterres has said that Bachelet is taking office "at a time of grave consequence for human rights."

"Hatred and inequality are on the rise," he said. "Respect for international humanitarian and human rights law is on the decline. Space for civil society is shrinking. Press freedoms are under pressure."

On Monday, Bachelet's third day in her new job, a Myanmar court sentenced two journalists from Reuters news agency to seven years in prison on charges of illegal possession of official documents.

The ruling was met with international condemnation that will add to outrage over the military's human rights abuses against Rohingya Muslims. □

LOCAL



Help save our owls (Shoco)

ORANJESTAD — The Aruban Burrowing owl is the national bird of Aruba and is a protected species but due to several circumstances these species are in danger of extinction. The Aruban Burrowing Owl feeds on insects and rodents which it typically hunts for from the ground, walking, hopping or running after it.

It is known on occasion to locate prey from a high perch and to catch prey with its feet. Much of the life history of this subspecies is still unknown. Burrowing owls typically lay three to six eggs that are incubated for 28 days and hatch after 42 days. It is unclear if this also goes for the Aruban Burrowing Owl. Staff of the Parque Nacional Arikok are currently monitoring the owl's population within the protected area. This park is also an important refuge where the population can recover. They live in burrows on the ground in areas of cactus scrub and dry forest. It is an endemic sub-species of the burrowing owl that occurs only on Aruba. The Burrowing Owl is a buffy-colored, long-legged owl with large, yellow eyes. It is a rare small

bird of prey of only twenty centimeters high.

This diurnal species can be seen sitting in open areas in small family groups, apparently unphased by the hot afternoon sun. Burrowing Owls are much loved by the native islanders. The little owl is endemic (*Athene cunicularia arubensis*) and only exists on Aruba. Special about the Aruba burrowing owl – also called rabbit owl – is that it hunts both during the day and at night, its diet consists of insects, small rodents, little lizards and small birds. Unfortunately the owl is being threatened by tourism and Boa Constrictors. Estimation is that only 200 pairs of Owls exist in the Aruban nature. The people of Aruba are very proud of their Shoco and its picture predicted on many objects on the island, like banknotes and stamps. On the 23rd of January 2012 the 'Shoco' was pronounced national symbol of Aruba.

Did you know?

- The Aruban Burrowing owl was made one of Aruba's National Symbols in January 2012. It also appears on Aruba's postal stamps and currency.

- Burrowing owls get their common name from their unusual habit of nesting underground in already dug-out burrows, although they are known to occasionally dig out their own. When the breeding season is over, the owls continue to use their burrow to rest during the day.

- The Shoco's population has greatly diminished in the last few decades and is now locally endangered, with estimates of less than 200 pairs remaining. Threats include overdevelopment and the invasive boa constrictor.

The Department of Nature and Environment (DNM) seeks the cooperation of the entire community of Aruba in order to help them register all the owls (shoco) or nest in your surroundings. The owl is the national bird of Aruba and is a protected species. Seeing that we are entering in the nesting period of these owls it is very important to report these areas in order for the Department to protect these areas as much as they can. A database is being created with all the info collected. This information is very important to minimize the



risk of extinction of these species. The population of these owls have diminished throughout the years and is in danger of extinction. Too much construction going on and the invasion of the boas on our island are the main reason for the endangering of the owls. Whenever you see an owl or find a nest of these owls report this to the department thru their website www.infraaruba.com or www.dnmaaruba.org or call 584-1199. □





JCI YALA partners up with UNESCO to spread Peace

ORANJESTAD — JCI Young Active Leaders of Aruba (JCI YALA) is part of Junior Chamber International (JCI), a worldwide community of young active citizens ages 18-40 who share the belief that in order to create positive change, you must take collective action to improve themselves and the world around them. Engaging in activities ranging from community development to international projects, members demonstrate their social responsibility and improve themselves through participation, leadership and action. Their vision is to be the leading global network of young active citizens.

September 21st is the National day of Peace and

JCI Young Active Leaders of Aruba (JCI YALA) together with UNESCO Aruba will be organizing a Peace Walk in order to spread awareness about Peace. This is a very important day to focus not only on world peace but also peace at our own home, work and mental peace. JCI YALA have been doing activities surrounding this date for a while now and this year is no exception. UNESCO Aruba and JCI have been working with Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations to which this project belongs. The 3 km fun walk to celebrate World Peace Day will take place at the Linear Park starting at 5 PM. It is expected for everyone to be dressed in white, the color of Peace.

For more information visit Young Active Leaders of their Facebook page JCI Aruba. □



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The cover picture of the Facebook page will show another picture of a local photographer every couple of months. We love culture and like to support our local talents, therefore Aruba Today chooses to be a platform for showcasing art. Photographer Armando Goedgedrag took the

new cover picture of Aruba Today's Facebook page, following the former local talents that shot the cover picture: Michael-Anthony Fowler and Anuar Habibe. Armando's goal is to create awareness about Aruban nature, especially with the youth and therefore he visits schools and he is member of Korteweg, an organization of young artists aiming to bring art under the attention of the public. A short recap: he is an artist, film maker, body boarder and surfer, nature lover and nature protector.



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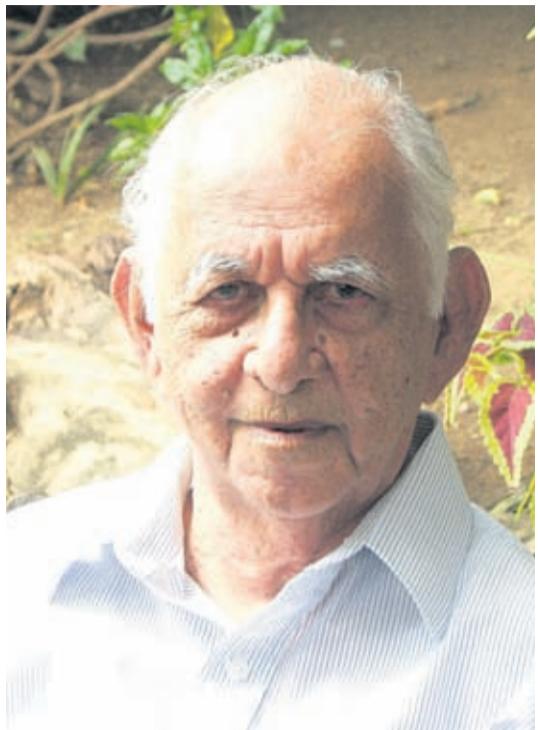
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Also honored were Mr. Ray & Mrs. Risa Beckett together with their daughter Ms. Nicole Beckett as "Distinguished Visitors". They have been coming to Aruba for 10 consecutive years.

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ARUBA — Aruba Dushi Tera is the title of the national anthem of Aruba. The history of this song begins in 1951 when two well-known musicians, Rufo Wever and Juan Chabaya 'Padu' Lampe, composed and recorded a rhythmic melody typical of Aruban music. In those days, recordings were made on vinyl records, and the duo produced quite a few.

They took care that many of past compositions were not lost for future generations. Until today we still consider them as two strongholds of Aruban music, and these classic pieces are as beloved and appreciated as when they were first written.

In 1952, Lampe and Wever composed what eventually became our national anthem. They were requested to produce a piece of music that expressed the love of our community for their island and to raise the patriotic sentiment of the population. It was first performed and immortalized by the musical and singing group "De Trupialen" under the direction of Friar Alexius. Radio Kelkboom recorded the song on a 78 rpm vinyl record with "De Trupialen" accompanied on piano by Padu Lampe. The piece was immediately widely accepted, and played at

private and public functions.

In the 70's the Government appointed a commission, consisting of Maybeline Arends-Croes, Rufo Odor, Padu Lampe, Eddy Bennett, Hubert Lio Booij and Rufo Wever with the purpose of selecting a national anthem. On February 25, 1976, they unanimously recommended the waltz, "Aruba Dushi Tera" as our national anthem. The commission proposed that one or more couplets be added to the song. Mr. Hubert Booij, was inspired, and composed the last phrase "...cu dios por guia y conserva su amor pa libertad", which pays tribute to the Aruban people and their love for liberty.

On March 16, 1976, the Parliament of Aruba approved "Aruba Dushi Tera", as the official anthem of Aruba. On March 18, 1976, during an official act in the Wilhelmina Stadium (now known as the Guillermo Prospero Trinidad Stadium), the song "Aruba Dushi Tera" was proclaimed as the national anthem of Aruba. It was presented by a singing choir under the direction of Mrs. Maybeline Arends-Croes, accompanied by the Aruba Philharmonic Orchestra, directed by Mr. Joy Kock. □



Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 05

One cool summer 2018

- Drag Race Event in Aruba
- From 6 PM
- Aruba International Raceway Palo Marga, San Nicolas
- Facebook The revival of Palo Marga 2



Thursday 06

Photography Exposition "Lens di mi wowo":

- Exposition of photography's taken by the Press Members of Aruba
- From 8 AM till 5 PM
- National Library of Aruba, Oranjestad
- Facebook Biblioteca Nacional Aruba



Friday 07

FITVILLE CARIBBEAN CHAMPIONSHIP & Funstacle Masters Aruba

- A 3 day functional fitness competition in collaboration with Funstacle Masters who will be taking the fun and the obstacles to a whole new level.
- From 3 PM
- Harbor Arena & Eagle Beach
- Facebook Fitville Caribbean Championship

Saturday 08

Projectorkest Curacao

- A classical music show presented by Project Curacao in collaboration with artists from Aruba & Curacao. A wide variation of music such as Bach, Mozart, Lickl, Beethoven, Shostakovich, Britten, Piazzolla, Morricone, Behilia and many more.
- From 7 PM till 10 PM
- Cas di Cultura
- Facebook Arubaanse Kunstkring



Sunday 09

Party in the woods - Fiesta den Cunucu"

- Come and enjoy a day filled with lots of activities in which you can learn more about the Aruban Culture and meet up with local people. Try some Aruba Port Wine, Red Wine, Sangria Mondi Fierno style and all other wines produced locally. There will also be local Raw Honey available.
- From 10 AM till 3 PM
- Calabas 71, Vineyard Santa Cruz
- Facebook Cunucu Mondi Fierno



Monday 10

Stilt Walk- Stick Thing in' d Alley

- Learn how to stilts-walk and dance. Kriston Chen from Trinidad and Tobago invites individuals (all ages) and families to visit and learn more about the Moko Jumbie, a popular Carnival character that originates from West Africa. Bring sneakers and water.
- From 4:30 PM till 8:30 PM
- Centro di Actividad Rancho, Koningstraat 38, Oranjestad
- Facebook Centro di Actividad Rancho

Tuesday 11

A Taste Of Aruba

- Aquarius Restaurant will take you back in time with stories, local handcrafted arts and recipes. Celebrate our Island's rich multicultural history with locally inspired buffet.
- From 5 PM till 11 PM
- Aquarius Restaurant, Renaissance
- Facebook Aquarius



SPORTS



In this Sept. 25, 2016, file photo, San Francisco 49ers' Colin Kaepernick kneels during the national anthem before an NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks, in Seattle.

Associated Press

Colin Kaepernick's Nike deal prompts flurry of debate online

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

An endorsement deal between Nike and Colin Kaepernick is prompting a flood of debate online as sports fans react to the apparel giant backing an athlete known mainly for starting a wave of protests among NFL players of police brutality, racial inequality and other social issues.

The deal unveiled by Nike and the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback was a trending topic on Twitter and other social networks, with some fans urging a boycott of the company's clothes and sneakers — even burning cutting out the signature swoosh logos on their gear. Others pushed back, saying the backlash against Nike showed the polarizing debate has morphed well beyond whether NFL players should be allowed to demonstrate for social causes while the national anthem plays in stadiums before games.

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ATHLETIC ENDEAVORS



Oakland Athletics catcher Jonathan Lucroy (21) celebrates with pitcher Blake Treinen (39) after a baseball game against the New York Yankees in Oakland, Calif., Monday, Sept. 3, 2018. The Athletics won 6-3.

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Defending champ Stephens knocked out in U.S. Open quarters

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — First, there were four break points squandered, along with an early chance for the lead.

Next, three more wasted. Pretty soon, Sloane Stephens' run at a U.S. Open repeat was lost too.

The defending champion was eliminated Tuesday, beaten by Anastasija Sevastova 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

"I didn't play the big points well, and you don't win matches when you don't take your opportunities," Stephens said.

Stephens beat Sevastova in the same round last year en route to her first Grand Slam title, but she missed numerous chances to grab an early lead in the rematch and could never get back into the match. Sevastova, the No. 19 seed from Latvia, will play either Serena Williams or 2016 U.S. Open runner-up Karolina Pliskova in her first Grand Slam semifinal.

That's further than it ever appeared Sevastova would get in tennis when she retired in May 2013, her body battered by muscular and back-related injuries. She returned nearly two years later and finally broke through on her third straight appearance in the U.S. Open quarterfinals.

"It was an amazing journey, this three, four years," she

said.

Three-quarters of Arthur Ashe Stadium was in the sun on another day of more than 90-degree temperatures in New York, and Stephens seemed to lack some of her usual sideline-to-sideline court coverage in the heat.

Stephens said she had been battling a cold, but her biggest problem Tuesday might have been her serve. The No. 3 seed was broken five times in the 84-minute match.

"Mentally, physically, I just wasn't connecting," Stephens said. "It just was a really tough day. The heat doesn't make it any more fun."

Stephens, one of the best defenders in the game, squandered all seven break-point chances in the first set, missing out a chance for early momentum during a lengthy third game of the match. She couldn't convert four chances to break in that game that lasted 18 points, and Sevastova then quickly broke her for a 3-1 lead. Stephens then couldn't convert three more chances in the next game, and never got another in the first set.

Her frustration became apparent, whether she was gesturing to her coach, staring in annoyance at deep balls that bounced off the baseline, or just screaming out in general.

"I'm trying!" she responded to a plea from the crowd to pick it up in the second set. She did eventually get close, breaking Sevastova at love to cut it to 4-3 in the second set. But Sevastova broke right back during another lengthy game, this one lasting 14 points, and soon it was over — but not before Stephens made a pretty good run at becoming the first repeat champion since Williams won three in a row from 2012-14.

"So the fact that I made it to the quarterfinals and played some really good matches and I just competed as hard as I could, I mean, a lot to be proud of," Stephens said. "And obviously defending a title is very hard, very difficult."

Williams could still give the U.S. at least one women's semifinalist after Stephens won an all-American final four last year. Pliskova is the last player to beat her in Flushing Meadows, a victory in the 2016 semifinals before Williams missed the tournament last year, when she gave birth to her daughter. □



Sloane Stephens reacts after missing a shot against Anastasija Sevastova, of Latvia, during the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, in New York.

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Canha homers as A's gain ground on Yankees in wild-card race

By The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mark Canha homered and Matt Chapman hit an RBI double to back Trevor Cahill, leading Oakland past New York in a matchup between two teams in the AL wild-card race.

The A's jumped on CC Sabathia early and pulled within 3 1/2 games of New York for the first wild card. Cahill (6-3) defeated the Yankees for the first time in seven career appearances, the only AL team he'd never beaten. The right-hander improved to 5-0 with a 1.09 ERA in nine home starts, striking out three to leave him one shy of 1,000 for his career. Cahill allowed four hits and three runs — two earned — in five innings.

Lou Trivino relieved Cahill and struck out the side in the sixth. Jeurys Familia issued consecutive two-out walks in the eighth but got out of it unscathed before Blake Treinen finished for his 36th save.

Luke Voit hit a two-run homer for New York, which welcomed back manager Aaron Boone to the bench after he served a one-game suspension Sunday. Sabathia (7-6) retired Marcus Semien on a flyball before surrendering four straight singles and a bases-loaded walk to Matt Olson as the A's went ahead 3-1.

New York answered right back on Voit's seventh home run that came on a 3-2 pitch.

MARINERS 2, ORIOLES 1

SEATTLE (AP) — Erasmo Ramirez allowed one run in 5 1/3 innings, and the Seattle bullpen shut down Baltimore the rest of the way. Ramirez (2-3) allowed two hits, struck out five and walked none. The right-hander is 2-1 in five starts since coming off the disabled list on Aug. 12.

Edwin Diaz struck out the side in the ninth inning for his 52nd save and 26th one-run save, both of which lead the majors. Zach Duke, Nick Vincent and Alex Colome combined to pitch 2 2/3 scoreless innings before Diaz finished off the



Oakland Athletics' Mark Canha hits a solo home run against the New York Yankees during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Oakland, Calif., Monday, Sept. 3, 2018.

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three-hitter.

Ryon Healy had an RBI single and Dee Gordon added a sacrifice fly, both off Josh Rogers (1-1), who made his second major league start and allowed four hits and two walks in 5 1/3 innings.

ROYALS 5, INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jakob Junis allowed two hits in seven shutout innings, Ryan O'Hearn homered twice and Kansas City won its season-high sixth straight. Junis (8-12) gave up a two-out single to Francisco Lindor in the third and a lead-off single to Yonder Alonso in the fifth. The right-hander hit a batter, walked none, struck out six and retired the last nine hitters.

Brian Flynn pitched a scoreless eighth and Wily Peralta reliever began the ninth with a 5-0 lead. Lindor homered with one out, Michael Brantley singled and Peralta walked Jose Ramirez and Edwin Encarnacion on eight pitches.

Left-hander Tim Hill relieved

and pinch-hitter Yandy Diaz hit a hard grounder that second baseman Whit Merrifield turned into a game-ending double play. Hill recorded his second save.

Adam Plutko (4-5) gave up three homers and allowed four runs in six innings.

WHITE SOX 4, TIGERS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Matt Davidson hit a two-run, game-ending homer as Chicago scored three times in the bottom of the ninth for its eighth win in 11 games.

Davidson hit his 20th homer into the left-field bullpen on the first pitch his saw from Detroit closer Shane Greene (2-6) after Wellington Castillo singled. Daniel Palka's 21st homer to lead off the ninth tied it at 2.

Victor Martinez homered deep to left with one out in the top of the ninth off Jace Fry (2-2) to put Detroit ahead 2-1. Greene then failed to retire a batter in the ninth as he blew his fifth save.

Niko Goodrum's solo shot in

the seventh tied it 1-all after Chicago's Nicky Delmonico homered to lead off the game for Chicago.

ASTROS 4, TWINS 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Alex Bregman homered for the third straight game and Yuli Gurriel also went deep to help Houston win its third straight.

Dallas Keuchel (11-10) scattered five hits over six innings and allowed an unearned run for his second straight win. Brad Peacock allowed a single with two outs in the ninth to load the bases but struck out Jorge Polanco to escape the jam and get his third save.

Minnesota's Kyle Gibson (7-12) yielded four hits and four runs — two earned — with five strikeouts in seven innings for his third straight loss.

There were two outs in the first inning when Bregman knocked his 28th home into the seats in left field to give Houston a 1-0 lead. Bregman has reached base safely in 31 straight games,

which is the longest active streak in the majors.

ANGELS 3, RANGERS 1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Matt Shoemaker pitched five scoreless innings in his first start for the Angels in more than five months, and Taylor Ward snapped a scoreless tie with his seventh-inning homer.

Ward's two-run homer was part of a three-run seventh that made rookie reliever Taylor Cole (1-2) a first-time winner. Cole went 1 1/3 innings after relieving Shoemaker.

All of the Los Angeles runs came off Zac Curtis (0-1), the third pitcher for the Rangers on a night they started the game with two scoreless innings by reliever Jeffrey Springs before fellow rookie Ariel Jurado's four innings.

Shoemaker had missed 134 games since going on the disabled list because of a right forearm strain after his first start of the season March 31. The right-hander missed the final 3 1/2 months last season because of the same issue.

RAYS 7, BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO (AP) — Blue Jays starter Marcus Stroman got roughed up early in his return from the disabled list, Ji-Man Choi added a solo homer to lead Tampa Bay. Joey Wendle had three hits, Matt Duffy had two hits and two RBIs, and Tommy Pham reached base three times for the Rays. Tampa Bay won its third straight and fourth of six following an eight-game winning streak that ended Aug. 28. Kevin Keirmaier returned after missing Sunday's game because of a sore back and had three hits and an RBI, coming within a home run of the cycle.

Making his first start since Aug. 17, Stroman (4-9) allowed four runs and six hits in 1 2/3 innings. It was Stroman's shortest start since Aug. 15, 2014.

Ryan Stanek opened for the Rays and left after a perfect first inning. Yonny Chirinos (3-5) followed with seven innings of relief, allowing one run and four hits. Jaime Schultz pitched the ninth. □

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Yelich beats throw to 1st, Brewers beat Cubs 4-3

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Christian Yelich drove in the winning run with the bases loaded in the ninth after beating a throw from third to avoid a double play, and the Milwaukee Brewers opened an important three-game series with the Chicago Cubs with a 4-3 win Monday.

The .316 hitter hit a 1-2 fastball from Jesse Chavez right at third baseman Kris Bryant, who touched third for the second out of the ninth before firing to first. The speedy Yelich reached safely just before the throw landed in the glove of the outstretched Anthony Rizzo, allowing Keon Broxton to score the game-winner from third.

Cubs reliever Steve Cishek (4-3) loaded the bases in the ninth with a walk, passed ball and two hit batters.

The second-place Brewers pulled within four games of the NL Central-leading Cubs.

Milwaukee tied the score 3-3 after pinch-hitter Mike Moustakas drew a four-pitch walk with two outs in the eighth from Carl Edwards Jr.

Anthony Rizzo hit a two-out, two-run homer off tough left-hander Josh Hader in the eighth.

Jeremy Jeffress (8-1) got the win after pitching a scoreless top of the ninth.

METS 4, DODGERS 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pinch-hitter Brandon Nimmo slugged a go-ahead, three-run homer in the ninth inning, rallying New York past Los Angeles in Jacob deGrom's latest stellar no-decision.

New York snapped a 12-game skid against Los Angeles. The loss ended the Dodgers' three-game winning streak and dropped them out of first in the NL West. They trail Colorado by a half-game.

DeGrom pitched six innings of one-run ball and drove in the tying run for the Mets, but didn't factor into the decision. He extended his streak of 25 consecutive starts of three earned runs or fewer, breaking a tie with Dwight Gooden (1985) for the longest run in Mets history.

Jay Bruce opened the ninth with a double off Kent Maeda (8-9) and was sacrificed to third by Kevin Plawecki. Maeda hit Jeff McNeil with a pitch before Nimmo's second career pinch-hit homer went over the right-field wall.

Drew Smith (1-0) got the win with one inning of relief. Robert Gsellman worked the ninth for his 10th save.

ROCKIES 9, GIANTS 8

DENVER (AP) — Pinch-hitter Noel Cuevas delivered a go-ahead, two-run single in the eighth inning and Colorado rallied after squander-



Milwaukee Brewers' Christian Yelich reacts after driving in the game winning run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, in Milwaukee. The Brewers won 4-3.

Associated Press

ing a five-run lead. On an afternoon when Trevor Story hit two homers off Giants ace Madison Bumgarner and the Rockies seemed in command at 7-2 after five innings, they needed the rookie Cuevas to come through with a clutch hit. Colorado had a 7-5 lead in eighth when Giants pinch-hitters Alen Hanson and Chris Shaw hit back-to-back homers off reliever Seunghwan Oh (6-3). Han-

son tied the game at 7 on a two-run homer and three pitches later Shaw lined an 0-2 cutter from Oh over the fence in right for his first career homer. The Rockies answered right back, with Ian Desmond starting the inning with a single and pinch-hitter Chris Iannetta later lining a double. Cuevas brought them in with a grounder up the middle through a drawn-in infield off reliever Tony Watson (4-6). Wade Davis struck out

the side in the ninth for his 38th save.

NATIONALS 4, CARDINALS 3, 10 INNINGS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bryce Harper hit a tying, two-run homer in the ninth inning, then delivered a sacrifice fly in the 10th that lifted Washington past St. Louis. The Cardinals led 3-1 with one out in the ninth when Harper hit his 31st home run, sending a 96 mph fastball from closer Bud Norris over the center field fence. □

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Gruden explains Raiders' decision to trade Khalil Mack

By JOSH DUBOW

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Jon Gruden didn't mince words.

As excited as he was to coach Khalil Mack in his second stint with Oakland, Gruden believes the right move ultimately was to trade Mack to give the Raiders the draft picks and salary cap room needed to rebuild a depleted roster.

"It wasn't my goal to trade Khalil when we got here," Gruden said Sunday. "One of the reasons I'm here is because of him. Unfortunately, we had a standoff with a contract, and we could not come to terms. The Bears made us an offer of two first-round draft choices and here we are today."

The Raiders made the blockbuster trade on Saturday, dealing one of the game's most dominant defensive players to Chicago for first-round draft picks in 2019 and 2020, a



In this Dec. 24, 2016, file photo, Oakland Raiders defensive end Khalil Mack (52) rushes against the Indianapolis Colts during an NFL football game in Oakland, Calif.

sixth-rounder next year and a third-rounder in 2020. Oakland also included its second-round selection in 2020 and a conditional fifth-rounder that year in the trade.

Mack then immediately signed a six-year, \$141 million extension with the Bears that guarantees \$90 million.

That's the richest deal ever for a defensive player and nowhere near where the Raiders were willing to go after already committing \$25 million a year to quarterback Derek Carr. "It's tough when you have two players that are the highest paid at their positions, so the economic part

of it certainly weighs in," Gruden said. "We've got free agents on our team that are going to be (up) next year; we've got to find a way to bring them back. So you've got to field a 53-man roster and there are some implications of having two players making that much money. That's no mystery to anybody."

The Bears were willing to commit that money in part because they have quarterback Mitchell Trubisky on a rookie deal. The Los Angeles Rams gave \$87 million guaranteed to Aaron Donald this past week in what was the richest defensive contract for one day until Mack surpassed it, but they also have quarterback Jared Goff on a rookie contract.

The Raiders don't have that luxury and have several holes to fill on a team that went 6-10 last year and has gotten little production from recent draft classes.

Oakland has already cut ties with its second-round picks from 2015, '16 and '17 in Mario Edwards Jr., Jihad Ward and Obi Melifonwu and has only 11 of the 50 draft choices that general manager Reggie McKenzie made from 2012-17 on the 53-man roster.

That has contributed to the Raiders having the oldest roster in the league and the desire for more draft picks.

"We're trying to hit on the draft," Gruden said. "We're trying to draft and develop. Obviously the last three draft classes we haven't got a lot of production out of yet. I don't think there's anybody left from the '13 draft. The '15, '16, '17 (classes), not much production at all. With that being said, you have to fill holes."

Gruden didn't want to second-guess the approach the Raiders took with Mack after exercising the fifth-year option on his rookie deal worth \$13.8 million. □

COLIN KAEPERNICK

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Country music star John Rich tweeted a picture of one of his crew members holding the tops of a cut pair of Nike socks, with the caption: "Get ready @Nike multiply that by the millions." The tweet garnered about 10,000 retweets and 30,000 likes, plus thousands of critical comments.

Rich, part of the duo Big & Rich and a former contestant of President Donald Trump's reality show "The Celebrity Apprentice," said he supported the right to protest but Nike lost his support when it endorsed Kaepernick.

Trump, a frequent critic of protesting NFL players, did not weigh in Tuesday morning even though he has loudly urged the league to suspend or fire players who demonstrate during the anthem, repeatedly diving into what has developed into one of the most contentious debates in the sports world.

Kaepernick's attorney Mark Geragos announced the endorsement deal on Twitter, calling Kaepernick an "All American Icon."

Kaepernick also posted a Nike ad featuring his face and wrote: "Believe in something, even if it means sacrificing everything. (Hashtag) JustDoIt" Kaepernick already had a deal with Nike that was set to expire, but it was renegotiated into a multiyear deal to make him one of the faces of Nike's 30th anniversary "Just Do It" campaign, according to a person familiar with the contract. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because Nike hasn't officially announced the contract.

The person said Nike will feature Kaepernick on several platforms, including billboards, television commercials and online ads. Nike also will create an apparel line for Kaepernick and contribute to his Know Your Rights charity, the person said. The deal puts Kaepernick in the top bracket of NFL players with Nike.

Nike also provides all NFL teams with game-day uniforms and sideline apparel, a partnership that was extended in March to run



This image taken from the Twitter account of the former National Football League player Colin Kaepernick shows a Nike advertisement featuring him that was posted Monday, Sept. 3, 2018.

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through 2028.

Last week, Kaepernick scored a legal victory in his grievance against the NFL and its 32 teams when an arbitrator allowed his case to continue to trial. The quarterback claims that owners conspired to keep him out of the league be-

cause of his protests of social injustice.

Kaepernick contends the owners violated their collective bargaining agreement with players by conspiring to keep him off teams. His case hinges on whether owners worked together rather than de-

cided individually to not sign Kaepernick.

A similar grievance is still pending by former 49ers teammate Eric Reid, a Pro Bowl safety who joined in the protests.

On Friday night, Kaepernick and Reid, also now out of the league, were each given huge ovations when they were introduced and shown on the big screen during a match between Serena and Venus Williams at the U.S. Open.

Meanwhile, the league and players union still haven't resolved whether players will be punished this season if they choose to kneel or demonstrate during the national anthem. Owners approved a policy requiring players to stand if they are on the sideline during "The Star-Spangled Banner," allowing them to stay off the field if they wish.

But the league and union put that on hold after the Miami Dolphins faced backlash for classifying the protests as conduct potentially detrimental to the team — putting players at risk of fines or suspensions. □

Hunter Mahan overcomes tough year on and off course

By DOUG FERGUSON

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa.

(AP) — Hunter Mahan didn't see a leaderboard until only two holes were left. Any other tournament, maybe any other time in his career, three shots behind that deep into the final round would have felt like a dire situation.

This was cause for celebration.

"I saw that I was in second," Mahan said. "And in my head I was like, 'That's x-amount of money, and that guarantees my card.' I had three holes to play, but there was a lot going on in my head at that time. It was pretty draining the last couple of holes."

He closed with a bogey on the final hole and tied for second.

This wasn't a FedEx Cup playoff event, like the one Mahan won at Ridgewood four years ago that effectively locked up a captain's pick for his third Ryder Cup team. It wasn't one of the two World Golf Championships he has won.

This was the DAP Championship, the second Web.com Tour Finals event, where the biggest priority is getting back to full status in the big leagues.

He earned \$88,000, roughly the equivalent of 24th place during the FedEx Cup playoffs, and moved to No.

4 on the special money list. The top 25 get full PGA Tour cards, and with only two events remaining, Mahan clinched his card.

Mahan didn't realize until that moment that he at least had made it back to the starting line. The scope of it didn't really hit him until Monday morning, when he was home in Dallas waiting for his wife and three young children to return from a weekend trip to Cedar Lake.

"It's been a crazy year," Mahan said, his voice still cracking with emotion. He had taken a few minutes away from the phone when he first started to cry. He needed longer.

"I feel excited about golf, just moving forward," he said. "Everything, all the work, so many people. My teacher (Chris O'Connell), my caddie (Zack Guthrie), everybody ... it's vindication for them. When I think about my family who helped me get through this year and the years before, it feels like a lot."

"I'm more happy for them than I am for me."

It was a lot.

And golf was only part of it. He missed the Tour Championship for the first time in 2015 and the slide began. More than anything technical was the emotional pull of being away from home.



In this Aug. 18, 2017, file photo, Hunter Mahan lines up a putt on the 18th hole during the second round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

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When his daughter, Hazel, was born in the summer of 2016, Mahan and wife Kandi had three children 3 and under.

And then tragedy struck his family.

His wife's sister, Katie Enloe, was diagnosed at the start of the year with acute myeloid leukemia. The families are close. She was married to SMU golf coach Jason Enloe, one of Mahan's best friends. After their wedding, she asked her sister, Kandi, to go on a double date with Mahan. They were married a year later.

Mahan tried to play when

he could on a sponsor's exemption or against weaker fields that had room for a six-time PGA Tour winner.

Katie Enloe died in July, leaving behind two young daughters.

So there was a reason the final few holes Sunday at Canterbury felt so draining. The hardest part of golf was starting another year without any momentum and even less confidence. The hardest part of life was losing someone so close and trying to move forward.

"I thought about the start of the year and how I was feeling good about what I

was doing," Mahan said. "I thought about Katie, my sister-in-law, and everything she went through."

Mahan is not the first former PGA Tour to have to return to what amounts to Q-school. Chad Campbell, a four-time winner and member of three Ryder Cup teams, also is trying to earn back his card. They are not the first players to have their games desert them, whether it was Hal Sutton, Steve Stricker or David Duval.

There are no guarantees of getting back, and the road is just starting for Mahan, who at 36 has won more \$30 million and who once had a world ranking that reached as high as No. 4. The timing of it all made the moment feel bigger than it really was.

"When you get older and you've played for so long, you become very appreciative of the game, your life and all the people around you," he said. "You surround yourself with people who support you and challenge you and push you. And it makes you happy for them. My life has been great. My career has been so amazing. My career feels complete. I don't feel like I have to prove anything. I'm just so happy for so many other people right now than myself." □

Viviani wins another Vuelta stage, Yates keeps overall lead

BERMILLO DE SAYAGO, Spain (AP) — Italian rider

Elia Viviani won his second Spanish Vuelta stage on Tuesday, while Simon Yates retained the leader's red jersey despite a punctured tire.

Viviani, who also won the third stage, outsprinted Peter Sagan in the final meters to comfortably win the 177-kilometer (110-mile) flat 10th stage from Salamanca to Bermillo de Sayago.

"Everything went perfect," Viviani said. "I always dreamt of winning as many

Grand Tour stages as possible. Now I have five at the Giro and two at La Vuelta and I want to enjoy my perfect train to win more until the end of La Vuelta."

Yates had a puncture with about 15 kilometers to go but was able to rejoin the pack and maintain his one-second lead over Alejandro Valverde. Adam Yates, Simon's twin, was among the riders who stayed behind to lead him back to the peloton.

"Things went relatively straightforward until the end, then I must have hit

something on the side of the road, I punctured twice so it made things a bit nervous but we managed to control," Yates said. "I'm improving every year to try and win the general classification and now we'll see how far I can go with this red jersey." Nairo Quintana, third overall, also had a puncture late in the stage, but recovered to remain 14 seconds behind Yates.

Diego Rubio broke away with about 20 kilometers to go, moving 20 seconds in front of the pack, but he was caught less than 10 ki-



Italian cyclist Quick - Step Floors' Team Elia Viviani, center, celebrates after winning the Spain La Vuelta Cyclist 13th stage between Salamanca and Fermoselle Bermillo de Sayago 177 kilometers (109,98 miles), of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race that finish in Fermoselle Bermillo de Sayago, northern Spain, Tuesday Sept. 4, 2018.

lometers from the finish. Tuesday's stage came after the Vuelta's first rest day.

On Wednesday, riders will

face a 208-kilometer (129-mile) hilly route from Mombley to Ribeira Sacra.

The Grand Tour race ends on Sept. 16 in Madrid. □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

In our clinic we have developed a protocol that has been shown to be effective in the treatment of hot, painful junctions between bones. Joints problems are commonly called "arthritis" but it is a group of different forms of joint inflammation whose origin is not known. Traditional Chinese Medicine calls the different conditions which cause pain, stiffness, and in most cases, swelling in the joints "steaming bones".

In regular, allopathic medicine the initial treatment for joint pain is limited to the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) resulting in many patients eventually becoming wheelchair bound. Others have excess tissue produced from the uncontrolled arthritis removed. The result is progressive joint damage making arthritis the number one cause of physical disability. Arthritis affects both sexes, all races, socioeconomic levels, and geographic areas.

Identical twins statistically do not both develop arthritis. Medical researchers realize there is no genetic foundation to arthritis. Associations with the Epstein-Barr virus that causes mononucleosis, and testing on animals with the herpes simplex virus have pharmaceutical companies looking for the "something" that produces arthritis so a pill or vaccine can be developed.

All 86 forms of arthritis have one thing in common; chronic inflammation that breaks down connective tissue. Connective tissue has the material to rebuild itself when the body is in balance. However, in the presence of inflammation, this material builds big painful joints. With unrelenting inflammation the body's immune

system turns to attack itself.

Health care in Western countries today has a major focus on disease, infection and their risk factors; cholesterol, smoking, and blood pressure. Although allopathic medicine recognizes indicators found in blood tests and thermogram reports, very little attention is given to them. Even less attention is placed on managing the risk of the body's reaction to toxins and heavy metals except in acute poisoning. Additionally, recognized but not addressed are oxidative stress, connective tissue breakdown, chronic inflammation, anaerobic tendency, free calcium excess, and acid stress; all leading to degenerative diseases and accelerated aging.

Life expectancy for patients with any form of arthritis is shortened by 5-10 years. After 5 years of disease, approximately 33% of patients will not be working; after 10 years, approximately half will be wheelchair bound. Daily activities are impaired in most patients. Spontaneous clinical remission, getting better, is uncommon with allopathic medicine and only seen in 5-10% of patients.

In our patients with painful joints, we see many common features. The first is that they do not drink enough water. Painful stiff joint symptoms are present in the beginning of mild dehydration. In moderate chronic dehydration we see most of the symptoms of Arthritis, including High cholesterol, High blood pressure, Heart Problems, Diabetes, and Water Retention or Edema. Chronic dehydration is a problem doctors normally do not address until it is life threatening. Water plays a critical role in every single chemical reaction in the body. Next to oxygen, it is the most vital element of life. Yet, it seems to be virtually ignored by doctors and Public Health Departments. We have good results using colon hydro-therapy to help eliminate toxins and re-hydrate the body.

Joint cartilage is composed mainly of water (70-80%). The solid part of cartilage consists primarily of collagen which is a protein. Problems in the synovial membrane to transfer glucose and protein will hinder the production of collagen. The most abundant circulating protein is found in the blood plasma is albumin. Levels of albumin are often decreased in people with active rheumatoid arthritis. We can check and

monitor your amount of albumin by ordering a blood test.

If your blood serum albumin is low, the synovial membrane will not have sufficient protein available to transfer into the joint. Our arthritis protocol is to determine what is reducing your blood albumin level. Albumin serves to sponge up toxins produced by bacterial infections. We always test to identify infection together with albumin.

In our clinic we have found that periodontal disease, a bacterial infection of the gums, causes byproducts to enter the bloodstream and trigger the liver to make proteins such as C - reactive protein (CRP) that inflames arteries, joints and promotes blood clot formation. Periodontal disease and heavy metal poisoning, need to be considered as major contributors to increased levels of CRP by the medical community. The treatment outcomes with people being treated by physicians trained in biocompatible dentistry and detoxification of heavy metals are very positive.

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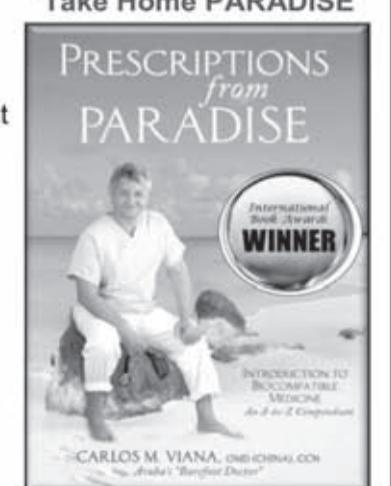
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Tech and health stocks slip; Amazon hits \$1 trillion

By MARLEY JAY

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are lower Tuesday as technology and health care companies slip. Amazon fared better than the rest of the market and briefly traded above \$1 trillion in market value. Apple became the first U.S. publicly traded company to reach that mark last month. Nike is sliding after it gave a major endorsement deal to former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick, known for his protests of police brutality and racial injustice. Investors are looking ahead to Congressional hearings on social media and trade talks between the U.S. and Canada as trading resumes after the Labor Day holiday.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index slid 11 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,890 at noon Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 94 points, or 0.4 percent, to 25,870. The Nasdaq composite gave up 46 points, or 0.6 percent, to 8,063. The Russell 2000 index lost 16 points, or 1 percent, to 1,724.

NO TECH SUPPORT: Microsoft lost 0.9 percent to



In this Aug. 21, 2018, file photo screens above trading posts on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange show the NSE logo.

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\$111.32 and Seagate Technology fell 9.7 percent to \$48.34 as technology companies declined.

Executives from Facebook and Twitter are scheduled to testify before the Senate Intelligence Committee Wednesday about how the companies are dealing with efforts by Russia and other countries to influence social media platforms and

interfere in U.S. elections. Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey is also scheduled to testify before a House committee, which wants to know how Twitter monitors and polices content. Without evidence, conservatives have accused Twitter of limiting their reach online. Facebook slid 2.7 percent to \$170.90 and Twitter fell 1.7 percent to \$34.58. Alpha-

bet, Google's parent company and the recent target of complaints by President Donald Trump, lost 1.5 percent to \$1,213.52.

UNLACED: Nike stock fell 3 percent to \$79.71 after the company announced a new endorsement deal with Colin Kaepernick. The former San Francisco 49ers quarterback will be one of the faces of Nike's 30th an-

niversary "Just Do It" campaign. Investors feared a possible backlash from customers.

Two seasons ago Kaepernick began a wave of protests by NFL players, kneeling during the national anthem to protest police brutality and racial inequality. He hasn't played in the NFL since the end of the 2016 season and is suing the league, saying owners conspired to keep him out of the game because of his protests of social injustice.

TRILLION TIMES TWO: Amazon became the second publicly-traded company to reach \$1 trillion in market value. It later gave up some of that gain, but was still trading up 1.2 percent to \$2,036.40, which gave it a market value of \$993 billion.

Amazon stock has climbed 74 percent in 2018. Apple became the first company to top \$1 trillion on Aug. 2.

WPP WIPEOUT: Advertising company WPP fell 7.8 percent to \$76.38 after it reported weak results from North America in the second quarter.

JD.COM CEO: Chinese e-commerce company JD.com slid 5.6 percent to \$29.44 after founder and CEO Richard Liu was arrested in the U.S. late Friday. Liu was arrested in Minneapolis on suspicion of criminal sexual conduct and was released pending charges. JD.com said he has returned to China. □

US construction spending rose 0.1 percent in July

By JOSH BOAK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spending on U.S. construction projects ticked up 0.1 percent in July, led by an increase in homebuilding and the publicly funded building of schools and highways.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that the slight July increase brought total construction spending to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of \$1.32 trillion, 5.8 percent higher than a year ago.

Nonresidential construction — offices, stores, factories and other buildings — tumbled 0.3 percent in July. Some of that decline was offset by a 0.6 percent gain in homebuilding.

Public construction rose 0.7 percent in July, including a 2.1 percent jump in

the building of schools and a 0.4 percent advance in constructing highways and streets.

Construction spending growth helps to support the broader expansion of the U.S. economy. The buildings not only create jobs for carpenters, welders, roofers, bricklayers, engineers and architects, but they also provide housing and workspace that contribute to additional hiring in sectors outside of the construction industry.

The U.S. economy expanded at a brisk 4.2 percent annual pace in the second quarter, nearly doubling the growth rate for gross domestic product during the first three months of the year. The private construction component of GDP rose 2.1 percent during the first quarter. □



In this July 3, 2018, file photo, a construction worker lowers himself on a forklift at a construction site in Chicago.

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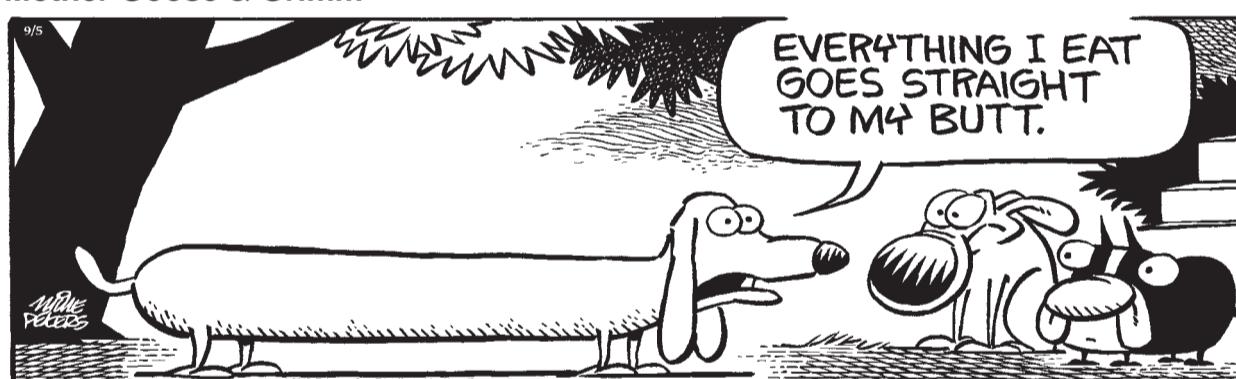
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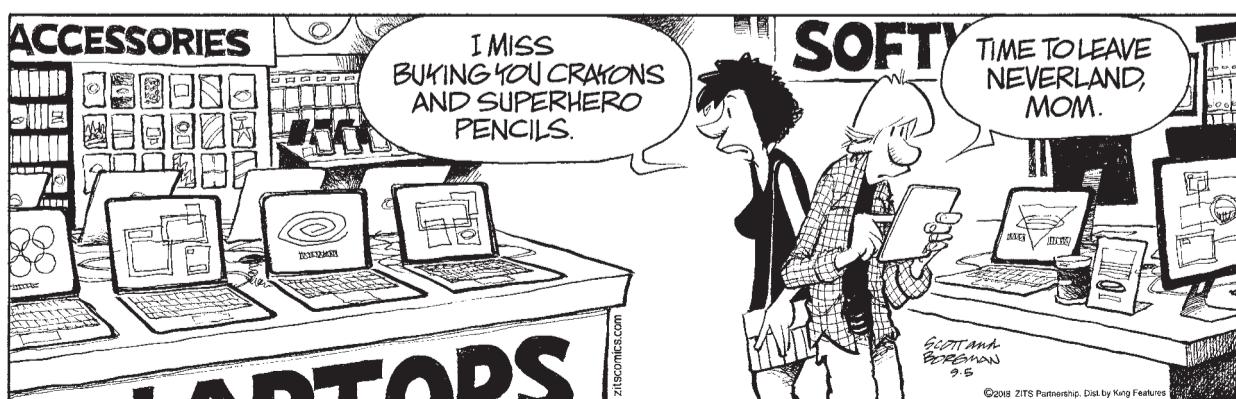
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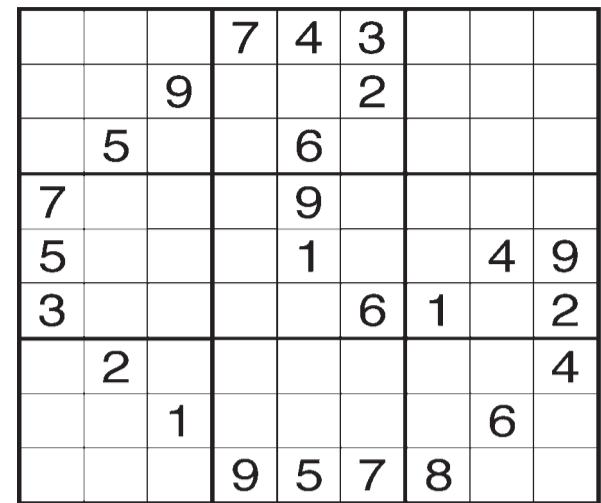
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AP Explains: Driven by climate change, fire reshapes U.S. West

By MATTHEW BROWN

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Wildfires in the U.S. have charred more than 10,000 square miles so far this year, an area larger than the state of Maryland, with large fires still burning in every Western state including many that are not fully contained.

Whether sparked by lightning or humans, fire has long been a force shaping the landscape of the U.S. West.

Hot, dry winds can whip flames into firestorms that leave behind charred wastelands prone to erosion and mudslides. Other fires clear out underbrush, open the forest floor to sunlight and stimulate growth. Government agencies in recent decades effectively upended that cycle of destruction and rebirth. Fire suppression policies allowed fuels to build up in many Western forests, making them more susceptible to major fires.

Those influences are magnified as development creeps ever deeper into forests and climate change brings hotter temperatures. Recent images of subdivisions ablaze thrust the power and ecological role of wildfires into the spotlight.

A look at the environmental effects of wildfires:

SMOKE AND RUIN

Most immediately fire brings destruction.

Temperatures from extreme fires can top 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit — hot enough to kill all plant life, incinerate seeds hidden beneath the surface and bake the soil until it becomes impervious to rain.

The lifeless landscape becomes prone to severe erosion, fouling streams and rivers with silt that kills



This Jan. 8, 2018, file photo shows standing rain water pools where a Fountaingrove neighborhood home once stood in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Associated Press

fish and other aquatic life. Torrents of muddy debris following fires last year in Southern California killed 21 people and destroyed 129 homes.

U.S. Geological Survey scientists say the problem is getting worse as the area burned annually by wildfires increases. A study last year concluded sediment from erosion following fires would more than double by 2050 for about a third of western watersheds.

Smoke from this summer's Western wildfires — a potential health hazard for at-risk individuals — prompted the closure of Yosemite National Park for more than two weeks and drifted to the East Coast, according to NASA. Recent research says it also impacts climate

change as small particles spiral into the upper atmosphere and interfere with the sun's rays.

CLIMATE QUESTIONS

Scientists broadly agree wildfires are getting bigger in North America and other parts of the world as the climate warms. But still emerging is how that change will alter the natural progression of fire and regrowth. The time interval between wildfires in some locations is getting shorter, even as there's less moisture to help trees regrow. That means some forests burn, then never grow back, converting instead into shrub land more adapted to frequent fire, said Jonathan Thompson, a senior ecologist at Harvard University.

"They get stuck in this trap of repeated, high-severity fire," Thompson said. "Through time we'll see the California shrub land shifting north."

Similar shifts are being observed in Colorado, Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park in Montana, he said. The relationship between climate and fire cuts both

ways.

A longer fire season and bigger fires in the boreal forests of Alaska and Canada are burning not just trees but also tundra and organic matter in soils, which hold roughly a third of the Earth's terrestrial carbon, said David Peterson, a former U.S. Forest Service research scientist.

The carbon enters the atmosphere and contributes to higher temperatures, leading to bigger fires that release yet more carbon.

BIRD IN THE BALANCE

Life and property still top the list of priorities for firefighters, but in recent years another asset has been deemed worth extra protection in many Western states: a chicken-sized bird known as the greater sage grouse.

Fires burned an estimated 3,240 square miles (8,390 square kilometers) of the bird's sage brush habitat in 2017 and have burned almost 2,400 square miles (6,215 square kilometers) so far in 2018.

When sage brush burns, it's often replaced with a plant from Europe called cheat-

grass, which crowds out native plants and is more prone to burning.

That's challenging government efforts to keep greater sage grouse off the endangered species list, which could restrict economic development.

Areas considered crucial to the bird's survival now get extra attention: A military-type Blackhawk helicopter is under government contract to deploy quick-reaction teams to snuff out sage brush fires in portions of Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Oregon.

REGENERATION

A turning point in public understanding of the ecological importance of fire came in 1988, when 1,240 square miles (3,200 square kilometers) of Yellowstone National Park burned.

The devastation, punctuated by images of wildlife fleeing flames, fed into the perception of wildfires as a menace to be battled.

The events drew criticism of the park's "let it burn" policy.

Officials didn't immediately squelch lightning-caused fires that June because they did not pose an immediate threat to life or property, but eventually ended up deploying 10,000 firefighters.

By that fall, seedlings already were emerging in some burned out areas. Park biologist Roy Renkin recalls a visitor reacting with surprise a decade later when he told her a thick stand of young trees emerging from a burned area had come back on their own. Lodgepole pines are commonly cited as an example of forest resiliency. The fire's heat releases seeds from the pine's cones.

Several species of woodpeckers thrive on insects attracted to fire-killed trees. A plant called fireweed is specially adapted to take root in fire-damaged soils, multiplying rapidly and forming carpets of pink petals against a blackened backdrop.

"It's isn't all death and destruction," Renkin said. "These forests have evolved with fire." □

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Farrow says NBC misleading in explanation of story

By DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC News' decision to pass on Ronan Farrow's investigation into Harvey Weinstein's alleged sexual misconduct is an open wound, with Farrow and one of Weinstein's accusers criticizing the network's latest explanation and President Donald Trump chiming in Tuesday. Trump tweeted that NBC is "now fumbling around making excuses for their probably highly unethical conduct." He called NBC "FAKE NEWS."

NBC News Chairman Andy Lack sent a lengthy email to staff members Monday evening outlining last summer's decision to pass on Farrow's reporting. He said his story wasn't ready to be aired at that time, and that NBC had done nothing to block his reporting.

Meanwhile, Farrow's former investigative producer called on the network to agree to an independent investigation of its actions. Farrow had tweeted overnight that Lack's statement contained several false and misleading statements — in particular Lack's claim that Farrow had no women ready to publicly identify themselves with their accu-



In this April 24, 2018 file photo, Ronan Farrow attends the TIME 100 Gala celebrating the 100 most influential people in the world in New York.

Associated Press

sations.

"The suggestion to take the story to another outlet was first raised by NBC, not me, and I took them up on it only after it became clear that I was being blocked from further reporting," Farrow said. "The story was twice cleared and deemed 'reportable' by legal and standards only to be blocked by executives who refused to allow us to

seek comment from Harvey Weinstein."

Farrow took his story to *The New Yorker*, where seven women were identified making accusations against Weinstein when it was published. He shared a Pulitzer Prize with *The New York Times* for their stories on Weinstein, which ignited the #metoo movement. NBC countered on Tuesday that a script of a Farrow

story was never reviewed or approved by NBC's legal department. NBC had no comment on Trump's tweet.

One of Weinstein's accusers, Emily Nestor, issued a statement that she had done an interview with Farrow while he was at NBC where her name wasn't revealed, but had been discussing with him the possibility of being added as

a named source. She said another woman had also been willing to be identified in the story. NBC said if Nestor had made such an offer then, it was news to them. In his statement, Lack said he wondered "whether the brave women who spoke to him in print would have also sat before TV cameras and lights."

Nestor said that "the condescension dripping from this phrase is despicable. The implication that these 'brave women' were just not 'brave' enough to go in front of a TV crew undermines all of the dangers, uncertainties and obstacles we faced in coming forward in *The New Yorker* piece."

She said it was shameful to impugn Farrow's character or conduct in working on the story.

The unusually vitriolic argument between NBC and a former reporter isn't likely to go away soon; Farrow is writing a book about his experiences working on the story. The embarrassment of missing out on a scoop lingers, too. NBC explains its decision to let the story go was because of major disagreements with Farrow and his team. □

'Cosby' actor thankful for support about grocery store job

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — An actor who was a regular on "The Cosby Show" said he's thankful for the support he has received since photos of him working at a grocery store showed up on news sites.

Geoffrey Owens said Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America" that he did feel some people were trying to job shame him. But he stressed that "every job is worthwhile and valuable," adding that what's important is the honor of the working person and the dignity of the work.

"There is no job that's better than another," he said. "It may pay better, it may have better benefits, it may look better on paper. But it's not better. Every job is worthwhile."



This image released by ABC shows co-host Robin Roberts with "The Cosby Show" actor Geoffrey Owens during an interview on "Good Morning America," Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

Owens played Elvin Tibideaux, the husband of Sondra, the eldest daughter of Bill Cosby's character on the TV show. Photos showed

him working the register at a New Jersey Trader Joe's, "Geoffrey" on his name tag. He said he no longer works there due to the unwanted

attention he received. Owens said people had recognized him in the past and that it was never an issue, noting they were "very, very cool about it." The 57-year-old actor said he hasn't had an acting job that lasted more than 10 weeks since leaving "The Cosby Show," but has taught acting at Yale and worked other jobs related to entertainment.

"I wanted a job where I could have some flexibility" if auditions or other matters came up, Owen said. "I didn't advertise it, not because I was ashamed of it, but because I didn't want the acting community to think that I wasn't pursuing acting anymore."

The woman who submitted the photos seemed

stunned to see someone from such a popular show doing that type of work. But several actors pointed out they have to make a living between gigs and places that offer health insurance are especially attractive.

Actor and former professional football player Terry Crews tweeted that he swept floors after the NFL and "if need be, I'd do it again." Actor Blair Underwood tweeted that Owens is "being a man in doing what he needs to do to provide for himself and his family."

Owens was most recently in an episode of "Elementary" and finished a movie called "Impossible Monsters."

"No one should feel sorry for me," he said. "I've had a great life, a great career." □

A so-so haunted house drama in 'The Little Stranger'

By LINDSEY BAHR

Associated Press

A decaying and haunted manor in the post-World War II English countryside, a grieving family on the verge of madness and class divisions make "The Little Stranger" a darkly intriguing specimen. But the Lenny Abrahamson-directed adaptation of the Sarah Waters novel is all moodiness with no payoff, never quite congealing into a coherent whole.

Domhnall Gleeson leads the cast as a doctor, Faraday, who finds himself on a house call to a stately but worn mansion, Hundreds Hall. He visited once as a child with his mother who used to work there, and recalled a magical day in which he fantasized about what it would like to be as wealthy as the owners, the Ayres, whose family has had the property for more than two centuries.

Since that day as a boy, Faraday has improved his lot, while the Ayres have slid, letting the house fall into disrepair. It's not quite Grey Gardens yet, but a



This image released by Focus Features shows Charlotte Rampling in a scene from "The Little Stranger."

few more years of neglect and it's suddenly not a far off proposition. Faraday has been summoned to look at the maid, Betty (Liv Hill), who says she's sick but has really been spooked by something. Everything is a little off in Hundreds Hall, including its inhabitants: Mrs. Ayres (Charlotte Rampling);

her daughter Caroline (Ruth Wilson); and her son Roderick (Will Poulter), who has been badly burned in the war and is suffering from some kind of PTSD,

leaving him unmotivated to take care of household duties. Gone are the days of a household staff, too. It's just Betty and Caroline doing the lion's share.

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Faraday finds himself visiting the Ayres' often, drawn by Caroline but also his obsession with the house and what it meant to him as a child, but things are undeniably strange there. The Ayres' first daughter, Suki, died when she was a little girl. She factored prominently in Faraday's rose-colored flashback of that party from his youth in 1919. He was jealous of Suki. Caroline tells him that everyone was jealous of Suki. Mystery solved, right? But lest you think that the little stranger must be Suki, let me assure you that that is far from clear and Abrahamson and the script keep things as confusing as possible for as long as they can.

The film is Abrahamson's first since "Room" earned him a best director nomination and it is undeniably elegant in its look and execution, but it is also quite a lot of build-up to little satisfaction or explanation. □

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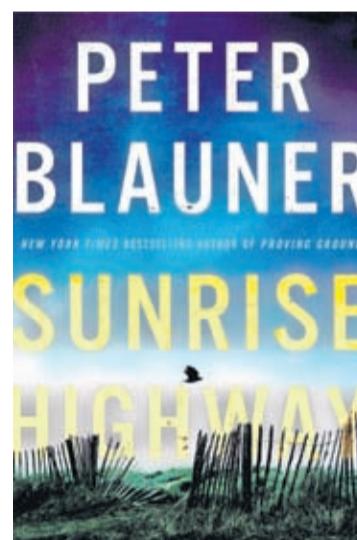
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By BRUCE DESILVA
Associated Press

"Sunrise Highway" (Minotaur), by Peter Blauner.

Forty years ago on Long Island, a teenage boy helped murder a young girl and then lied about who did it, sending an innocent black man to prison. Now, the killer is the chief of the

largest police force on the island.

Detective Lourdes Robles of the NYPD knows nothing of this when she arrives at the tip of Far Rockaway, at the eastern edge of her jurisdiction, responding to a call about a young woman's body that had washed up on the beach.

As Lourdes and her partner, the not entirely reliable Robert Borrelli, investigate, they hear about unsolved murders of a few other girls who had been found outside of the NYPD's jurisdiction on the island. As they continue to dig, they learn about still more bodies that had been discarded along the island's Sunrise Highway for decades.

Has a serial killer been operating undetected on Long Island for 40 years? Lourdes' superiors are skeptical, but she thinks she's on to something. And the more she thinks about it, she realizes the killer couldn't have

avoided detection this long without help in high places. In "Sunrise Highway," Peter Blauner weaves two related stories: the decades-long story of the killer as he moves up the ranks of the police department, putting influential people in his debt along the way, and the months-long story of Lourdes' investigation. In the climax, the two tales crash together violently.

The prose is economical and precise, the setting well drawn and the characters real enough to give you a chill the next time you cruise past a police car.

Blauner, who has written extensively for NBC's "Law & Order" franchise and for CBS' "Blue Bloods," has produced only seven previous novels since he helped set the standard for debut crime novels with "Slow Motion Riot" in 1992. But all of them, including this one, have been worth waiting for. □

Woodward book says Trump aide privately called him 'idiot'

WASHINGTON (AP) — An upcoming book by journalist Bob Woodward says President Donald Trump's chief of staff privately called Trump an "idiot" and aides plucked sensitive documents off the president's desk to keep him from taking rash actions. The book is the latest tell-all to roil the Trump administration with explosive anecdotes and concerns about the commander in chief. The Washington Post on Tuesday published details from "Fear: Trump in the White House," the Watergate reporter's forthcoming examination of Trump's first 18 months in office.

Chief of Staff John Kelly is quoted as having doubted Trump's mental faculties, declaring during one meeting, "We're in Crazytown." Trump's former lawyer in the Russia probe, John Dowd, is also said to have doubted Trump's ability to avoid perjuring himself should he be interviewed by special counsel Robert Mueller. "Don't testify. It's either that or an orange jumpsuit," Dowd is quoted telling the president.

And Secretary of Defense



This June 11, 2012 file photo shows former Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward speaking during event to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Watergate, Washington.

Associated Press

Jim Mattis is quoted explaining to Trump why the U.S. maintains troops on the South Korean peninsula to monitor the North's missile activities. "We're doing this in order to prevent World War III," Mattis says. Woodward recounts that Mattis told "close associates that the president acted like — and had the understanding of — a fifth-

or sixth-grader." Woodward also claims that Gary Cohn, the former director of the National Economic Council, boasted of removing papers off Trump's desk to prevent their signature, including efforts by the president to withdraw from the North American Free Trade Agreement. The White House didn't im-

mediately respond to a request for comment. The publication of Woodward's book has been anticipated for weeks, and current and former White House officials estimate that nearly all of their colleagues cooperated with the noted journalist, who cut his teeth bringing down Richard Nixon's presidency during Watergate. □

But Trump did not speak to Woodward until after the book's manuscript was completed. The Post released audio of Trump expressing surprise about the book in an August conversation with Woodward. Woodward tells Trump he had contacted multiple officials to attempt to interview Trump and was rebuffed.

The book follows the January release of author Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury," which led to a rift between Trump and Steve Bannon, his former chief strategist who spoke with Wolff in terms highly critical of the president and his family. Wolff's book attracted attention with its vivid anecdotes, but suffered from numerous factual inaccuracies. Woodward's work also comes weeks after former White House aide and "Apprentice" contestant Oma-Rosa Manigault Newman published an exposé on her time in the West Wing, including audio recordings of her firing by Kelly and a follow-on conversation with the president in which he claimed to have been unaware of Kelly's decision. □

Julia Louis-Dreyfus is thrilled about her 'Veep' return

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Julia Louis-Dreyfus is back at work on "Veep" and said it feels "fantastic." The star of the HBO comedy series revealed last September that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. The news came soon after her sixth consecutive Emmy win for the role of Selina Meyer.

As work began recently on the show's seventh and final season, Louis-Dreyfus told The Associated Press: "I feel good. I feel strong. I've got energy and, yeah, back to my old tricks. It feels like I never left."

The "Seinfeld" alum has signed on to her first cancer awareness initiative, helping Carolina Herrera designer Wes Gordon design a flower-adorned T-shirt as

part of Saks Fifth Avenue's 20th year raising money through its Key to the Cure program.

The limited-edition shirt will sell for \$35 at Saks stores Oct. 1-31, with 100 percent of proceeds passed to the AiRS Foundation, a nonprofit Louis-Dreyfus supports for its work in helping women with the costs of breast reconstruction after mastectomy.

"Up to 70 percent of breast cancer survivors who have had a mastectomy are really unsure or unaware of their reconstruction options, and many of those women who desire to have surgery don't have sufficient insurance or other resources to cover it," Louis-Dreyfus said by phone on a recent location day for "Veep."

As a survivor, she said she's often asked to help out.



In this Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017 file photo, Julia Louis-Dreyfus poses in press room with her awards for outstanding lead actress in a comedy series and outstanding comedy series "Veep" at the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards at Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

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This is the first time she has said yes.

"It's hard to say no but I've just had to be very careful about managing my time and conserving my energy,

so you know I'm putting my whole self into Key to the Cure," Louis-Dreyfus said. "You can't spread yourself too thin. That's why I wanted to choose the organiza-

tion wisely and carefully." As this year's ambassador for the program, Louis-Dreyfus said she wanted a bold statement for the annual T-shirt. It features three poppies and the slogan: "We are fighters & we are fighting for a cure."

Over 20 years, Key to the Cure has donated nearly \$40 million to cancer research and treatment organizations.

"It was a super-fun endeavor," Louis-Dreyfus said of the T-shirt design process. She has often worn Herrera designs on red carpets. The shirt features blooms in jewel-tone red and pink.

"I wanted it to have a sort of femininity and a powerful message at the same time because I believe the two can go hand in hand," she said. "I liked the idea of talking about fighting." □

New wood technology may offer hope for struggling timber

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RIDDLE, Ore. (AP) — John Redfield watches with pride as his son moves a laser-guided precision saw the size of a semi-truck wheel into place over a massive panel of wood.

Redfield's fingers are scarred from a lifetime of cutting wood and now, after decades of decline in the logging business, he has new hope that his son, too, can make a career shaping the timber felled in southern Oregon's forests.

That's because Redfield and his son work at D.R. Johnson Lumber Co., one of two U.S. timber mills making a new wood product that's the buzz of the construction industry. It's called cross-laminated timber, or CLT, and it's made like it sounds: rafts of 2-by-4 beams aligned in perpendicular layers, then glued — or laminated — together like a giant sandwich.

The resulting panels are lighter and less energy-intensive than concrete and steel and much faster to assemble on-site than regular timber, proponents say. Because the grain in each layer is at a right angle to the one below and above it, there's a counter-tension built into the panels that supporters say makes them strong enough to build even the tallest skyscrapers.

"We believe that two to five years out, down the road, we could be seeing this grow from just 20 percent of our business to poten-



In this Nov. 11, 2016 photo, John Redfield, chief operating officer of D.R. Johnson Lumber Co. in Riddle, Ore., poses for a photo as he shows an example of a cross-laminated timber, or CLT, panel that underwent a flammability test.

Associated Press

tially 60 percent of our business," said Redfield, D.R. Johnson's chief operating officer. "We're seeing some major growth factors."

From Maine to Arkansas to the Pacific Northwest, the material is sparking interest among architects, engineers and researchers. Many say it could infuse struggling forest communities like Riddle with new economic growth while reducing the carbon footprint of urban construction with a renewable building material.

Visually blemished wood that currently goes to waste can be used in the middle layers of a CLT panel without sacrificing strength or look. Supporters say it could bring sawmills back online while improving forest health through thinning dense stands and making use of low-value wood and local tree species. Trees as

small as 5 inches in diameter at the top and those damaged by pests and wildfire are prime candidates.

But challenges remain before CLT becomes as common in the United States as it is in Europe and Canada, and not all builders are sold.

U.S. building codes generally place height limits on all-wood buildings for safety reasons, though a special committee of the International Code Council is investigating potential changes to address the use of CLT in such structures. And research is still underway on critical questions of how these buildings withstand fire and earthquakes in high-seismic regions.

Building codes in Oregon allow cutting-edge designs using new technology like CLT in some cases, but only after rigorous testing and an intensive approval process.

That can make such projects cost-prohibitive, said Peter Dusicka, an engineering professor at Portland State University who's been researching the strength of CLT panels.

"The early adopters are looking at it and seeing it as a good opportunity," but before CLT can take off, there will have to be more examples to get people excited and more mills producing it, said Thomas DeLuca, professor and director of University

of Washington's School of Environmental and Forest Sciences.

SmartLam in Montana is the other company producing CLT panels.

This spring, cross-laminated timber will get its ultimate test in the United States when a Portland architectural firm breaks ground on

a 12-story wood building in the city's trendy Pearl District. It would be the tallest all-wood building in the world constructed in a seismic zone and the tallest all-wood building in North America.

An all-wood building in Norway is taller, but is not in a seismic zone. An 18-story wood building in British Columbia is also taller, but rests on a traditional concrete core.

Lever Architecture is using \$1.5 million it won in a tall wood building competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the softwood industry that's intended to promote CLT as a domestic building material. A 10-story residential tower in New York City also got \$1.5 million.

The Portland firm has been working with scientists at Portland State University and Oregon State University to test the panels' strength by subjecting them to hundreds of thousands of pounds of pressure. □



In this Nov. 11, 2016 photo, a logging crew harvests new timber on private land near the headquarters of D.R. Johnson Lumber Co., in Riddle, Ore.

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In this Nov. 15, 2016 photo, Lever Architecture founder Thomas Robinson poses for photo in his company's all-wood headquarters building, built with cross-laminated timber, or CLT, in Portland, Ore.

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